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reached, and that the lesson which has been taught them will produce a salutary effect upon the minds of the convicts. Of course, any further insubordination will be coolly met, and speedily punished. The convicts have had full warning, and any further leniency from the officers would be reprehensible.

LEO.

P. S.—The Keeper, BUSH, is much injured about the face and head, and it is a miracle that he escaped alive.

When the prison was closed this evening, there was terrific groans and clanking of the iron doors along several of the corridors, the quarry and foundry gangs being the ringleaders. The shaking of sight or nine hundred iron doors, and the unearthly groans of the men would be somewhat frightful, were it not on the right side of substantial stone walls. Even there, it is an indication of ill-temper and bad blood that needs severe treatment. I hope and believe that a speedy cure will be effected. L.

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NEW-YORK CITY.

The Mystery of the Eastern Images.

The *Eastern Images*—such it seems is the name of the schooner, the fate of whose captain and mate in creating such excitement—was not raised yesterday. The expected derrick was not at hand in time. The schooner sank in deep water, and when the tide is high, only about three feet of her masts can be seen. Low water is essential to the attempt to raise her, and low water, last night, occurred about 11 o'clock. This morning all means and appliances will be brought to aid, and by noon she will probably be elevated to the surface of the water.

The excitement respecting the fate of her Captain and crew is on the increase. The ferry-boat between the main land and City Island was crowded throughout yesterday, by anxious citizens. To-day, being a holiday, we shall expect to find quite a multitude there. Negotiations have been entered into with old Captain BOURNE, the colored sailor of Hallett's Cove, to provide all the requisite means for raising her when the tide is at the lowest, about 11 o'clock A. M.

We learned yesterday the names of the owners of the schooner. They are Messrs. Sinker & Kingsley, Messrs. Dennison & Raley, Mr. J. S. Tyler, Mr. Charles K. Southworth, and Mr. Richard H. Spencer, all of Deep River, Conn. Capt. ANSON, the brother-in-law of the captain of the sloop, was present during the proceedings of yesterday, in company with Mr. DENNISON. Some attempts were made to explore the cabin, but nothing was hauled up that could throw any light upon the mystery.

Yet the guilt of the negro is undoubted. Since the schooner was scuttled nothing has been heard of the captain and crew. The bedclothes, saturated with blood, that have been recovered from the cabin, serve conclusively that some frightful murders have been committed.

The distance from New-Rochelle to the vessel is about six miles. Every vehicle that can be hired there is likely to be put into requisition to-day.

Brutal Robbery at White Plains.

On Saturday night last a robbery was perpetrated at White Plains, under circumstances of a peculiar brutal nature. A very poor man was attacked and nearly beaten to death by an Irishman and a negro. He was seen by these fellows to purchase 28 pounds of flour, one pound of coffee, and half a pound of tobacco. He had also about him a few cents of change. After leaving the store he had to pass through a lonely piece of wood, where he was assaulted and nearly beaten to death by the black and white villains alluded to. They so bruised and battered his head and body that when found he was supposed to be dead, and his recovery is still despaired of. They carried away his flour and groceries, and the negro escaped. The Irishman was arrested, and is safely lodged in White Plains jail.

☞ Died, at Pau, France, Oct. 17, JOHN R. WILSON, of the firm of PARSONS, RICHARDSON & Co., of New-York. His funeral will be attended from his late residence, No. 170 Mulberry-street, Newark, N. J., on Friday, Nov. 30, at 2 P. M. His friends and the friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

☞ Col. MIND, who benevolently receives the tales of trouble that the poor have to tell every day in the Mayor's Office, has acted this year as Clerk to the Police Commissioners, and for this same was yesterday voted $300.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

BURGLARIES.

Samuel Smith, of Hancock, Dutchess County, New-York, was robbed on Monday evening of [illegible] Cypriana with which he had [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible]

George W. Carr, residing in West Twenty-fourth-street, lost his watch and chain, valued at $60, at a house in Mercer-street, whither he had gone at the solicitation of a pretty but frail one, on "street-walk." The pretty but frail one pawned the watch, and said she meant to return it to its owner. She was locked up for trial by Justice DAVENSON.

Michael Farrell, Thomas Montgomery, John Carey and Michael Carter, all boys, were committed yesterday by Justice CONNELLY, charged with stealing on Tuesday from an Express wagon, in Greenwich-street, a trunk containing fancy articles to the value of $50.

Henry Hughes, aged 15, and John Doyle, aged 21, were on Tuesday committed at the Jefferson Market Police Court charged with stealing $100 from James Hughes, keeper of a porter-house, at No. 711 Eighth-avenue. The money was found with Doyle, who said Henry Hughes gave it to him. Henry Hughes acknowledged having taken the money.

FELONIOUS ASSAULTS.

David Stittwagon, a shoemaker residing in West Washington-place, beat his wife on Tuesday evening, and cut her head with a knife. The wife complained, and Stittwagon was locked up by Justice DAVENSON to answer the charge.

Jeremiah Driscoll, of No. 488 Water-street, struck with a hatchet, on Tuesday, D. Wyman, of No. 245 Fulton-street. He was arrested by Officer Campbell, of the Third Ward, and committed by Justice CONNOLLY.

Mary Ann Casey appeared at the Tombs yesterday and complained that John Lynch forcibly outraged her person on Tuesday night. The accused was committed to answer.

THE LATE STABBING AFFRAY.

Charley Quinn, the negro who was stabbed on Tuesday night in the Fifth Ward, is not yet dead. Abbott, the Englishman who is accused of committing the deed, denies the accusation. He was yesterday committed to the Tombs to await the result.

U. S. DISTRICT-ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

The Alleged Murder by Lewis, the Negro Cook of the Schooner Eudora.—Hon. JOHN MCKEON, United States District-Attorney, has decided that this crime was not committed within the Admiralty and Maritime jurisdiction of the United States of America, but within the jurisdiction of a particular State and County, to wit, the State of New-York and the County of Westchester. The prisoner must, therefore, be disposed of by the authorities of the town of White Plains.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Before Hon. John W. Nelson, United States Commissioner.

The United States vs. *Sylvanus W. Spencer.*—This case has been before the Commissioner for several days, to take the testimony of witnesses sent home by the United States Consul at Rio. Spencer is charged with the crime of murder, and now stands committed for trial. The Grand Jury have also found a true bill against him on the same evidence. He will probably be tried in January next.

LONG ISLAND.

Brooklyn Industrial School Association.

The second annual meeting of this Society was held in the Brooklyn Athenæum Monday evening. It was organized about 18 months' since, for the charitable purpose of aiding in the rescue of vagrant children about the streets not admissable to the public schools, who are growing up in idleness, and preparing them for future usefulness. The whole management is in the charge of ladies, and thus far they have succeeded in their enterprise much better than was at first anticipated.

Two schools have been established. One in Concord-street, under the charge of Miss E. O. EATMOUN, which has an attendance of from 60 to 125 scholars, and is increasing. No. 2 is located in Nelson, near Court-street, South Brooklyn. The Society, in connection with the Managers of a Mission School, have recently leased their present location for a term of five years, and expended in repairs on the building $1,750—$650 of which has been paid; and have the refusal of the whole property at $8,500. An effort is being made to complete the purchase.

This school is under the charge of Miss ELIZABETH ADAMS, and has an average attendance of 90 scholars, who, as in the other school, are taught to sew, are clothed comfortably, and partially supplied with food. No. 2 is surrounded by a large Catholic population, and much opposition was at first experienced, but, by judicious management, all prejudice is gradually being removed, and many children of Catholic parents attend the school.

During the past month, a Temperance pledge has been passed round in the schools, and has received a large number of signatures, all over 7 years of age being permitted to sign. It is having a good effect.

A donation of eighty volumes, to form the nucleus for a library, has been made, and other donations are solicited. The Managers in their annual report speak in the most encouraging terms of their prospects, but ask for more labourers—young ladies who can spend two hours each day in school to teach sewing, &c., to visit the abodes of poverty, and also more money. The report remarks that this enterprise is as much of a missionary effort as though the recipients lived in a distant part of the earth. Some people seem to forget this fact.

The teaching in these Schools is eminently simple, and deserves to be liberally supported by the community.

The total receipts of the Society since its organization amount to $8,917.50. Still remains in the Treasury. This does not include $[illegible] paid on School-house No. 2.

There was a respectable attendance at the Annual Meeting last evening, but not near so many there as should have been, considering the importance of the Society. Mayor HALL presided, and addresses were made by Rev. Mr. HOGARTH, Rev. Mr. HILL, Rev. Dr. BURNS, and others. After the election of officers the meeting adjourned.

The Prohibitory Law.

KINGS COUNTY COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER.—This Court convened on Tuesday in Brooklyn, Judge STRONG on the bench. The following Grand Jury was empanelled:

JOHN M. HICKS, Foreman.

Wm. H. Russel,	Elias Powell,	Josiah Parks,
Benj. F. Jones,	Wm. Wall,	Garwood Pine,
J. F. Hendrickson,	D. E. Hasbrouck,	E. K. Van Buren,
E. D. Bradford,	James Buckler,	Ambrose Brain,
Thos. Edwards,	Platt Purdil,	John Burtis.
	Richard Whipple,	

The Judge, in charging the Jury, advised that body not to take any action under the Prohibitory Liquor Law, as the law had in this District been declared unconstitutional in its main features. The Grand Jury retired, and the Court adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Turf for 1855.

CENTREVILLE COURSE, L. I.—Trotting, Wednesday, Nov. 28. Match $1,000, two mile heats, in harness. Mr. WHELAN names b. g. *Jaby Oakley*.....1 1
Mr. PEABODY names *Gray Mare*.....2 2

	Time. First Heat.	Second Heat.
First mile	2:35	2:36
Second mile	2:33½	2:44
Total	5:10½	5:20

Mr. Buchanan and the London Times.

From the Washington Union.

The following is a copy of the contradiction forwarded by Mr. BUCHANAN, the American Minister at London, to the editors of the London *Times*, in refutation of the article which appeared in that paper charging him with having made certain assurances to the members of the British Ministry on the subject of the war with Russia, and especially in relation to the British enlistment in this country for the Crimea. Its mild and temperate tone contrasts admirably with the violent and vituperative character of the charges of the *Times*: and yet, notwithstanding it was forwarded to the editors of that journal nearly a month ago, they had refused to make any correction up to the period of the departure of the steamer *Canada*. We are not disposed to comment at length upon such an exhibition as this. The act of attributing to the American Minister expressions infamously false, followed up by a stubborn declension to publish his calm and respectful contradiction, proves a foregone determination of misrepresentation which would be unworthy of the most irresponsible journal. Such conduct speaks for itself:

"The American minister presents his compliments to the editors of the *Times*, and assures them that they have been 'misinformed' with respect to the expressions and conduct attributed to him in their leading article of this morning. Always mindful of the neutrality of his Government, which he fully approves, it was with deep regret he learned, as he first did from Washington, that attempts were made in the United States to recruit soldiers for the British army; because he felt confident that these attempts would tend to weaken the friendly relations between the two countries, which it has been his ardent desire, ever since his arrival in England, to cherish and promote.

The American minister can, of course, enter into no discussion in the public journals of questions between the two Governments, or state what is or what is not contained in any correspondence which may have arisen out of these questions; but he has felt it due both to the *Times* and himself to make this prompt correction.

No. 56 HARLEY-STREET, London, Nov. 1, 1855."

Mr. Buchanan's Dispatches.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, in a letter dated the 27th inst., writes as follows:

Mr. BUCHANAN are by no means warlike in their complexion, but are not so entirely satisfactory as our Government would wish. But, as I understand, the whole budget had not been yesterday considered. Lord CLARENDON appears to have acted upon the wise principle that "soft answer turneth away wrath." At all events, the answer is of a character that is calculated to flatter and soothe the sensibilities of the United States."

Letter From D. S. Dickinson to the Boston Lecturing Committee.

BINGHAMTON, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1855.

GENTLEMEN: Your favor of the 27th ult., inviting me to deliver one of a contemplated course of lectures, on the subject of *Slavery*, at the Tremont Temple, in Boston, the ensuing season, reached here during my attendance upon a neighboring circuit, and I avail myself of the earliest moment, consistent with pressing engagements since my return, to acknowledge the honor extended me, and to explain the cause of delay in answering.

I have considered the subject of your invitation with much anxiety, and, upon the whole, am constrained by convictions of duty to decline it. To lecture upon this disturbing subject, unless it is proposed to act upon it, would seem to be a barren and profitless gratuity; and if action is proposed, it must have relation to the domestic concerns of our sovereign equals, with which we have no right to interfere. They left this question in other times, according to the true sense of the Constitution, to the people of New-York and Massachusetts, with all its responsibilities and irritations, to dispose of in their own good time and manner; and may we not, in the same confiding spirit, leave it to those upon whom it rests? Determined long since to leave this question where the Constitution left it, were I to accept your invitation, I would choose for my theme "The Duty of the People of these Free States," and would inculcate the valued admonitions of the Father of our Country upon sectional disturbances. Lest, however, a formal lecture, as proposed by your course, even invoking non-intervention in the affairs of Sovereign States, might be construed into an admission that it was an open question, and that by the same rule others might arraign and assail, I have determined that I shall best contribute to preserve the public peace by declining to take part in the proposed discussion. I have the honor to be, your obedient servant, D. S. DICKINSON.

Dr. STORR, and others, Committee, &c.

Later from Eagle Pass—Excitement on the Rio Grande—Indian Movements—Discovery of the Bones of four of Callahan's Rangers.

The San Antonio *Texan* has the following letter from a correspondent at Eagle Pass, dated Oct. 20:

"Our neighbors over the Rio Grande are in considerable excitement between threatening our poor little town of Eagle Pass, and the news that they receive from parties in San Antonio, that the volunteers are coming in large numbers. As to this town, all the Mexicans living here have crossed into Mexico, with only one or two exceptions, leaving us only about twenty citizens to defend the place, in case they attempt (that is, the Mexicans) to put the threat that they had made into execution; that is, to come over and set fire and plunder the town, which could be done very easily if they attempt it.

They have a large force on the other side, up and down the river, and in front of this place. I suppose that they have within twenty-five miles each way, at least twelve hundred men under arms; five hundred having arrived from Monterey, with four pieces of artillery. Three Mexicans arrived here, Oct. 20, from San Antonio, bringing them news that the volunteers were in strong force, and on the road. On the 19th another express (Mexican) arrived, and crossed into Mexico from San Antonio; but as yet we have no idea what news he brought. We only know that all the families who had returned to Piedras Negras have been ordered to leave for San Fernando, a small town thirty miles west of this place, which they partly fortified by barricades, so that they are preparing for war.

It is reported that the Lipan Indians have carried their families to the mountains, and are now down ready to fight. There is a party of nine Lipans on this side. They were seen about Mine Creek, a few days ago.

The Mexicans have a party out on this side spying. They left Presido Rio Grande eight days ago, and part of them went to San Antonio on the old West-trail. So, you see, they are taking every precaution not to be surprised.

The bones of the four men lost by Capt. CALLAHAN's command in the fight with the Mexicans and Indians, have been brought to this side and buried. The skull of one bears the marks of the scalping-knife. Prior to removing them to their homes, the body of Lieut. DWYAT, drowned at this place last month, was found down by Laredo, stripped naked. When drowned, it is stated that he had on a gold watch and chain, a six-shooting pistol, and some considerable amount of money; shewing, too plainly, the body had been robbed when found.

☞ The Mayor of Alexandria has offered a reward of $1,000 for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who fired Dwyat's China store on Friday night of last week.

TWO WEEKS LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.

ARRIVAL OF THE STAR OF THE WEST.

Destruction of a Distillery and Loss of Life in San Francisco.

IMPORTANT GOLD DISCOVERY IN TUOLUMNE COUNTY.

TERRIBLE CASE OF LYNCH LAW.

Highly Important from Oregon and Washington Territories.

GENERAL OUTBREAK OF THE INDIANS.

Desperate Fights.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA.

CALIFORNIA MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

THE MARKETS.

The Accessory Transit Company's steamship *Star of the West*, THOMAS MYERS, Esq., commanding, from Puente Arenas, Nicaragua, arrived at her dock early yesterday afternoon, with passengers and dates from San Francisco to the 5th inst.

There has been no sickness whatever the entire voyage.

Owing to the recent completion of increased facilities for traveling on the Transit route, these passengers crossed the Isthmus, and got on board the Atlantic steamship, inside of twenty-seven hours; and by the celerity organized arrangements of A. C. HUTCHINSON, Esq., the Agent now in charge of the Naval Dépôt at Puente Arenas, this ship was got thoroughly ready for sea in two hours after her arrival there from New-York.

Since the sanitary visitation of the "Northers," which prevail annually at this season in Nicaragua, the cholera has entirely disappeared, and the San Francisco *Herald*, in reporting the arrival of the steamship *Uncle Sam*, belonging to this line, with 680 passengers, who left this port on the 5th of October, says: "Not a single case of sickness occurred among them since leaving New-York."

Homeward the *Star of the West* called at Key West on the evening of the 22d, for coal, and left same night. On the 23d, off Sand Key, exchanged signals with the clipper-ship *Christian Caldwell*, steering W. On the 25th spoke the clipper *Susan Olive*, of Boston, from New-Orleans, bound to Liverpool, in lat. 30° 12', long. 120 40'; wished to be reported.

We are indebted to the Pacific Express, WELLS, FARGO & Co.'s Express, and the Purser of the *Star of the West*, for the latest files of papers and intelligence.

CALIFORNIA.

The News.

San Francisco has been visited by a regular "Norther." Several vessels at the wharves were somewhat injured by chafing and coming in collision with one another, but in no instance was the damage very material.

The Chinese are leaving California. The discriminating tax upon foreign miners, under which the Chinese are now compelled to pay $[illegible] per annum into the State Treasury, and which is to be increased $[illegible] each succeeding year, will necessarily induce their speedy departure from the mines. The Chief Justice, which sailed on Nov. 1, for Hong-Kong, [illegible]

During [illegible] have discharged about 2,000 bbls. of oil, and upwards of 50,000 lbs. of whalebone. This latter article will be shipped to the East, as well as some of the oil. Far-seeing men are looking forward to no day not very far distant, when the entire whaling fleet of the Pacific will rendezvous at San Francisco. The arrangements are now in progress which go far to produce this result.

The competition between the Steam Navigation Company and the "opposition" on the Sacramento River, has reached a point never before attained. Passengers and freight are carried at rates merely nominal. One or two steamboat collisions are noted, fortunately however, without any damage to life or limb.

Mr. JULIUS LEVY, of the firm of Sr. LOEBY, LEVY & Co., has been convicted in the U. S. District Court of smuggling sixty-seven cases Havana cigars, valued at about $90,000.

The misunderstanding between the contractors and the stockholders of the Sacramento Valley Railroad has been settled, and the work is now rapidly progressing.

Two men were executed at Coloma on the 20th ult. CRANE, the Spiritualist, convicted of the murder of Miss NEWMAN, and MICKEY FREE, who was concerned in the murder of HOWN and others. The scene was witnessed by 6,000 spectators, and among the number were many females.

The vote for Governor of California has been officially announced—JOHNSON, 51,157; BIGLER, 46,220. Johnson's majority, 4,937.

The total valuation of real and personal property in the city of San Francisco is $82,076,072. In Sacramento city it is $7,617,785.

Two men, whose names are given as BLAKE and BUTLER, were murdered at Vallecito, Calaveras County, on the 24th ult. They had been pursuing some horse thieves, and, coming up with them, a fight ensued, which resulted as above stated.

A very general disapproval of the hanging affair at Columbia is expressed. In fact, Lynch trials and executions are becoming more unpopular every day.

The financial condition of the city and county of San Francisco, is still somewhat gloomy. The country has been liquidating some local claims at the rate of $3 scrip with 10 per cent. interest for one dollar indebtedness. Within the last six years there has been paid into the city and county treasuries nearly $11,000,000, and all this has been drawn out, while the present indebtedness, funded and unfunded, amounts to at least $4,000,000. The taxable property of city and county is about $[illegible], and the population generally estimated at 50,000. There we have the material to recover from our pecuniary embarrassments, if a prudent policy is pursued hereafter.

The first anniversary of Oakland College was celebrated on Wednesday, Oct. 31, on the College ground. There was a large attendance of citizens. The exercises were extremely interesting.

Distillery in San Francisco Destroyed by Fire—Two Men Killed and Six Others Injured—Loss $120,000.

From the Alta California.

On Friday morning, Nov. 2, at 11½ o'clock, a disastrous fire began in the Novelty Distillery, on the corner of Folsom and Prince streets. The distilling of alcohol had been undertaken for the first time, and a number of persons were collected about the "column," a large cylindrical copper cistern, twelve feet in diameter and twenty feet high, which was to contain the alcohol. There were about 600 gallons of alcohol in the column, when that vessel, from some cause unknown and even unsuspected, suddenly burst with a loud noise, and threw the hot alcohol through the room, and the alcoholic steam through the building. About 50 feet from the column, was the fire used to make the steam, which was employed to heat the whisky to be distilled, and this fire was conveyed on the instant throughout the whole distillery by the inflammable vapor of the alcohol, scalding all the persons near the room where the explosion occurred, and setting fire to the whole building. Six men were badly injured and two (CARROLL, Carpenter, and BYRN, Cooper) mortally.

There were thirty men about the distillery at the time of the accident, and some of them attempted to start the steam fire engine, connected with the distillery, but the engine was out of order; and it could have done little good at any rate, because the whole establishment was on fire.

The building was of brick, three stories above the basement, and 80 by 160 feet upon the ground. The building had been erected in excellent style, and with the apparatus cost $80,000. Forty-five thousand gallons of whisky, 600 gallons of alcohol, and about 10,000 bushels of grain were consumed with the distillery, and nothing destructive by fire was left except the steam engine and boilers, which were at a distance from the main building. The total loss was $120,000, of which $80,000 was insured. The principal interest in the establishment was owned in New-York, but Messrs. HYNEMPSE and BAXTERS were large shareholders and the extensive owners here.

Collision and Firing between Two Steamers.

From the San Francisco Herald, Nov. 3.

A collision occurred yesterday between the steamers *New-World* and *Defiance*, on their way from Sacramento to this city, and there was so much exci-

HIGHLY IMPORTANT FROM NICARAGUA.

Trial, Conviction, and Execution of General Corral for High Treason.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COURT-MARTIAL.

Recognition of the Nicaraguan Government by the United States Minister.

ADDRESS OF MR. WHEELER AND REPLY OF PRESIDENT RIVAS.

By the arrival of the *Star of the West*, we have received important news from Nicaragua.

On the 6th inst., Gen. CORRAL, Commander of the forces of the late Government of Nicaragua, was detected in traitorous correspondence with Santos GUARDIOLA, late a general officer in the Legitimist Army—notwithstanding he had so recently ratified the treaty of peace, and with solemn ceremonies inaugurated the new Government—and subsequently celebrated the union of the two armies by a public ball, in demonstration of his sincerity. He was promptly arrested, by order of Gen. WALKER, tried by a court martial, found guilty of high treason, and shot at the public plaza in the city of Granada.

The commander-in-chief of the combined army has recently received considerable reinforcements of Americans, and is in firm possession of every city and hamlet, and Napoleonic he may announce "the Empire is at peace."

Trial, Conviction and Execution of Don Fenciane Corral, for High Treason and Conspiracy against the Government of Nicaragua.

From El Nicaraguense, Nov. 10.

HEAD QUARTERS OF ARMY OF NICARAGUA,
GRANADA, Nov. 6, 1855.

A Court Martial will be held to-morrow morning, Nov. 6, at 11 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of trying General Don FENCIANO CORRAL on the charges and specifications hereunto annexed.

The Court will consist of Col. C. C. HOBBSBEY, President; Lieut.-Col. C. H. Gilman, Major E. J. Sanders, Captain George R. Davidson, Captain S. C. Astin, Captain C. J. Turnbull, and Lieut. George R. Caston.

Inasmuch as the case is of much public importance, Col. R. D. FEX will act as Judge Advocate.

Col. Don CARLOS THOMAS will act as interpreter for the Court.

(Signed) WM. WALKER.

CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS.

WILLIAM WALKER, General of Division, and Commander in Chief of the army of Nicaragua, accuses Don FENCIANO CORRAL, General and Minister of War of said Republic,—

Charge 1st.—That said CORRAL is guilty of high treason.

Specification.—That he has invited Gen. D. SANTOS GUARDIOLA, and Col. D. PEDRO XATRUCH, to come with arms and force to disturb the peace of Nicaragua.

Charge 2d.—That said CORRAL has conspired with the enemies of the State to overthrow the existing government of Nicaragua.

Specification.—That he has conspired for said purpose with said GUARDIOLA and XATRUCH, and with one General THOMAS MARTINEZ.

(Signed) WILLIAM WALKER.

THE VERDICT.

Proceedings of the Court Martial held in pursuance to the annexed order, at the city of Granada, on the 6th day of November, 1855, for the trial of Don Fenciano Corral, General and Minister of War of the Republic of Nicaragua.

The Court being duly organized, the prisoner was brought in and pleaded "not guilty" to the charges, and objected to the jurisdiction of the Court, which objection was overruled.

By request of the prisoner, Col. P. H. French appeared as counsel for the defence.

Gen. Wm. Walker sworn, and testified as follows:

Question.—Do you know the prisoner, and if so, are you acquainted with his hand-writing, and what are your means of knowing the same? *Answer.*—I know the prisoner and know his hand-writing; I have seen him sign his name.

Q.—Are the papers now exhibited and marked A, B and C, in the handwriting of Gen. Corral? A.—The papers marked A and B are entirely in his handwriting, and the papers marked C are signed by him; the body of the papers are not in his handwriting.

Q.—State how they came in your possession and when? A.—They were delivered to me yesterday by Gen. Valle, in the envelope here exhibited and marked E.

Q.—State what you know of the papers marked C, and what the prisoner has said concerning the same in your presence? A.—In order to explain the said papers to the Court, I must state that, yesterday, Gen. Corral came to me and asked if I had sent an order to Rivas and Managua to diminish the garrisons at those places; I replied that I had; he remarked that he thought, under the treaty, it was competent for the Government only, to give such an order; I then inquired of him if he had communicated to the Commandants of said places that I had been named Commander-in-Chief of the army, and he replied that he had; this morning I received a dispatch from the Sub-Prefect, who is the Commandant of Managua, informing me that, yesterday afternoon, about four o'clock, there was a letter in Managua, addressed to Gen. Martinez, and in the handwriting of Gen. Corral, and purporting on the superscription, to come from him, and that the same passed through Masaya with a courier; I then called Gen. Corral, and inquired of him whether he had sent the letter to Gen. Martinez yesterday; he replied, under oath, that he had sent no letter, but intended to send those decrees, (the papers marked C,) which he took from his pocket.

Q.—State what you know of the papers marked D, and how, and when the same came into your possession. A.—*The said paper was sealed when I received it*, and in the same envelope with the papers marked A and B.

Q.—Will you explain to the Court who is Gen. Guardiola, to whom Gen. Corral's letters are addressed, and how he stands toward the present Government of Nicaragua?

The above question and answer ruled out by the Court, on the grounds that no evidence was necessary on the point. The position of Gen. Guardiola being a matter of public notoriety.

Col. Fernando Chamorro being sworn, answered as follows:

Q.—Do you know Thomas Martinez, and, if so, do you know his hand-writing? A.—I know him; but have never seen him write.

TESTIMONY FOR THE DEFENCE.

Don Patricio Rivas, sworn. Q.—Do you know the prisoner to be Gen. Corral; and if so, was he lately in command of the legitimate forces; and was he duly empowered to make the late treaty; and what was the amount of the forces, all told, under his command at the time the treaty was formed? A.—Yes, I do; he was; I know by a letter from him, that he was duly empowered to make the late treaty; I do not know how many troops he had at the time of the treaty, but a little before, I heard he had a thousand men at Rivas.

Q.—Has Gen. Corral ever spoke to you with regard to his intentions, and his faith in the late treaty? A.—He has.

Q.—Have you ever seen any of the letters that Gen. Corral sent away on the subject, private or official? A.—The only communication I have seen was directed to me by Gen. Corral, which I have in my hands, which letter informed me of the treaty, and called me to this city.

Q.—Was there anything else in the letter. A.—Nothing more.

Q.—Was there anything in the acts of the prisoner aside from the charges before this Court, that would lead you to suppose that he intended any treasonable designs against the Government, or intention of violating the late treaty? A.—Nothing besides the letters I have seen yesterday. I was surprised to see them.

Q.—Did you, as President of the Republic, order General Corral, Secretary of War, and *ad interim*, Secretary of State, to transmit the decrees of this Government, and the news of the treaty to all the various authorities and departments of this Republic? A.—Yes, I did.

Q.—Are you not aware that he performed the duty assigned him? A.—I think so, but am not sure of it.

Q.—Are you acquainted with the family of Gen. Corral? A.—No. I have seen them.

Q.—Do you know that he has any family in Granada? A.—Yes, he has a young daughter half crazy.

Q.—Will you look over the books and see whether the prisoner has done everything in accordance with his orders? A.—All the communications of which there are copies in the book now exhibited, were ordered by me, except one which Gen. Corral says was ordered by the General-in-Chief.

Q.—Are the other books which you have examined correct? A.—They are.

Q.—Has the prisoner, in his private conversations with you always expressed his wish that the peace might be permanent? A.—He has.

Q.—(By the President of the Court)—Why were you surprised at seeing the letters referred to? A.—Because he had always expressed his desire for peace.

Q.—(By the same)—Do you know Gen. CORRAL's handwriting, and did you read the letters intercepted by Gen. Walker, yesterday? A.—I know his writing, and read the letters.

Q.—(By the same—Do you know those letters to be treason to the State? A.—I do not.

Q.—Do you know Gen. Guardiola? A.—I do not.

Q.—Are the letters now exhibited, and marked A, B, and D, the ones you refer to? A.—They are.

CONVICTION AND SENTENCE.

Findings of the Court Martial, held at the city of Granada, Nov. 6, 1855, for the trial of Don Fenciano Corral, General and Minister of War of the Republic of Nicaragua.

The Court finds the prisoner guilty of the charges and specifications of which he stand accused. Ma. he shall be shot to death by shooting. [illegible]

H. D. FEX, Colonel and Judge Advocate.

The Court [illegible] to the mercy of the Commander-in-Chief. [illegible]

C. C. HOBBSBEY, Colonel and President.
R. D. FEX, Colonel and Judge Advocate.

Affirmation of Sentence of Court Martial and Order for Execution of General Don Fenciano Corral.

HEAD QUARTERS ARMY OF NICARAGUA,
GRANADA, Nov. 6, 1855.

Having read the duly authenticated proceedings and sentence of the Court Martial organized for the trial of Don Fenciano Corral, on the charges of High Treason and of Conspiring against the Government of this Republic, the sentence of said Court is hereby affirmed, and it is ordered:

That said Don Fenciano Corral be shot in the Plaza of Granada, at 12 M., on Thursday, Nov. 8, 1855, and the Officer of the Day is charged with the execution of the sentence.

WM. WALKER, General,
Commander-in-Chief.

The execution of the within sentence will be postponed until 3 o'clock P. M. of this day.

GRANADA, Nov. 6, 1855.

WM. WALKER, General,
Commander-in-Chief.

Within order complied with, and the prisoner shot at 3 o'clock P. M.

GRANADA, Nov 8, 1855. CHAS. H. GILMAN,
Officer of the Day.

THE PROOFS OF CORRAL'S GUILT.

The following are the letters referred to above:

[TRANSLATION.]

GRANADA, Nov. 1, 1855.

To Gen. Santos Guardiola:

MY ESTEEMED FRIEND: It is necessary that you should write to our friends to give them notice of the danger which threatens us, and to take active steps with you. If you wait two months it will be too late.

Think of us and of your offers.

I salute your lady and am your real friend to command.

Yours, &c., F. CORRAL.

Nicaragua is lost. Honduras, San Salvador, and Guatemala are lost if you let things go on.

Come quickly and you will find auxiliaries.

FRIEND DON PEDRO: We are badly, badly, badly off. Think of your friends. I was left here without anything but what I had on my body, and I hope for your help.

Your friend, &c., F. CORRAL.

MANAGUA, Nov. 8, 1855.

To General Santos Guardiola:

MY DEAR SIR AND FRIEND: I inclose to you letters from the Minister; but you already understand all he wants to tell you, and it is enough if you consider the sentence of a man who has been forced to the sacrifice he doubtless has done, and to whom they already deny what was offered him. We all expect a fatality, and always with hopes, which at the end only turned out illusory. We all confide in you, and only in you, to redeem this beautiful section of Central America. We hope that you and the real friends of Honduras will not be long in coming to our disgrace. Thousand probabilities—many elements—a good deal of disposition, and much repining!

If things here go on badly, and cannot be remedied, I will with pleasure once more become a Honduranse.

I felicitate you and participate in your pleasure in returning again to your beloved country, where I always was there, and may tyranny never again take root in that soil so worthy there to be forever buried.

I salute affectionately Lady ANITA and you. With all frankness command your friend, &c.

Sign, TOMAS MARTINEZ.

THE EXECUTION.

At 4 P. M., the prisoner, attended by the clergy, made his appearance under an escort of soldiers, and crossing the Plaza, took a seat in a chair prepared for the occasion. The death sentence was read to him by Col. GILMAN, Officer of the Day, and almost immediately after the spirit of Gen. Don FENCIANO CORRAL had passed from time into the mysteries of an eternity, having been pierced, we understand, by every bullet fired at him.

He met his fate with the composure of a soldier, and was evidently a man worthy of a better fate. His countenance, though only some eighty hours had elapsed from his arrest to his execution, bore marks of the severe mental trials he had undergone.

Other arrests for the same connection were made on the 5th instant; but the details have not transpired in a sufficiently reliable form to be the subject of a notice from us. In our next we shall, perhaps, be enabled to chronicle them.

Recognition of the Nicaraguan Government by the United States Minister—Address of Mr. Wheeler—Reply of President Rivas.

From el Nicaraguense. (Extra.) Nov. 13.

We alluded, in our regular issue of Saturday, to the fact of the official reception of Hon. J. H. WHEELER, by His Excellency, Don PATRICIO RIVAS, President of the Republic.

At 12 o'clock M., on Saturday, the 10th inst., the Prefect of Granada and the Governor, by the direction of the President, awaited on the Minister, at the house of the United States Legation, where all the American residents of Granada had assembled; when they repaired to the Council Chamber of the Government House, where the officers of the Commander-in-Chief, the Clergy, and many others, had assembled. Col. WHEELER then delivered the following address:

Mr. PRESIDENT: I congratulate you upon your accession to the Presidency of the Republic of Nicaragua.

I had the honor of presenting in May last, to the government of this city, a letter from the President of the United States, accrediting me Minister Resident near this Republic.

The diplomatic usages of the United States, from the earliest period, have always acknowledged that every nation possesses the right to govern itself according to its own will, and to transact its business through whatsoever agent it may think proper to employ.

In conformity to ancient and honorable precedents, I request that you will regard the letter of the President of the United States, now on file in the Archives of your State Department, as addressed to you, as President of the Republic of Nicaragua; and that you rely with confidence on his sincerity in the expressions of friendship entertained by him, and the people of the United States, for this Republic, and the desire of the President and our Government, to cultivate the harmony and good correspondence which now so happily subsists between us.

From the period of her Independence from Spain, in 1821, to the date of the Treaty by virtue of which, you, Mr. President, hold your office, Nicaragua has been the scene of revolution and warfare, of intestine convulsion and blood. If there were at some short intervals, a temporary cessation of hostilities, it was only to enable the political storm to gather fresh fury by repose.

I hail the Treaty of the 23d ult., between the Chiefs of the respective Armies, as was the sacred dove bearing the Olive Branch of Peace, proving that the bitter waters of desolation and destruction had subsided—and I trust, that the Ark which has been so long tossed upon the troubled ocean of political strife, may now rest secure in the enjoyment of peace and prosperity.

With a soil as fertile as any on earth, abundant in mineral wealth, the "El Dorado" of the hopes of COLUMBUS, a salubrious climate, a geographical position so important, that it is the "Golden Gate," between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, which opens the commerce of the world, your Republic, "the centre of Central America," only requires peace, industry and enterprise, to take its appropriate position among the nations of the earth.

The example of the "Great Republic of the North," like the North Star to the sea-tossed mariner, plainly points to you the true way of National greatness.

Their interests are the same—their principles should be, also.

Our true policy is to declare and to *maintain*, that the people of American Republics can govern themselves; that no foreign power shall be allowed to control in the slightest manner our views, or interfere in the least degree with our interests. Our dignity, our rights and security as Republics demand this, and the idea of any interference or colonization by any foreign power, on this side of the ocean, is utterly inadmissible.

Be assured, Mr. President, that nothing shall be wanting on my part to advance the interests of both Republics, and as the Representative of the United States, to discharge my important and delicate duties in a manner agreeable to you and satisfactory to my own Government.

To which the President made the following reply:

Mr. MINISTER: With particular pleasure I have listened to the expression of those generous sentiments with which Your Excellency congratulates my accession to the Presidency, and for which I return to you my sincere thanks, and so far as in my power, in the position in which I find myself placed, nothing will be more grateful to me, than to maintain cordial relations with Your Excellency, who so worthily represents the Government of the illustrious American nation.

If these relations have at all times been considered by Nicaragua as of great importance, for her improvement and well-being, how much, without doubt, more important are they now, when an extensive and disastrous civil war is just terminated by the means of fraternal understanding in favor of the Republic, upon whose young and powerful elements of liberty, and order, hopes are founded that this country will march with a firm step to the same elevation of advancement, which its free institutions and natural advantages present.

Several years since, by a solemn declaration of the Legislative Power, those principles which flow from the Liberty and Independence of the American Continent, were adopted; they strengthen the chains which unite us to the Great Republic of the North, which was the first to proclaim such principles, and which has been constant in maintaining them.

Nicaragua, as other sections of Spanish America, following the example which had been set by the magnanimous Nation of the North, declared her independence and established liberal institutions; and since then both nations have considered themselves identified by such peaceful interests, and every day their mutual welfare becomes more immediately connected.

Firm in these convictions, I flatter myself that your Excellency when treating on the appropriate subjects of your important mission, will find me always animated by the same sentiments which you have already expressed in favor of the two countries.

The whole ceremony was impressive and important, and all present appeared much gratified. After the Minister had returned to his house, escorted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Gen. MAXIMO JEREZ, Col. P. H. FRENCH, Minister of Hacienda, and others, a National Salute was fired.

THE GREAT RAILROAD WRITING CASE.

How Things go in The Patent Railroad.

Judge Nelson's Charge to the Jury.

SATURDAY, Nov. 24, 1855—10 o'clock A. M.

THE JUDGE'S CHARGE.

The Court said:

GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY: The first question in this case is, what is the thing—the machine, or instrument which the plaintiff claims to have invented? It is essential to comprehend this in order to ascertain whether it is new—never before known, or in public use; and is also essential to enable you to determine whether the care used by the defendants are a violation of the patent. It will be necessary, therefore, in the first instance, to turn your minds to the patent and the description of the improvement claimed, and which is there to be found. The description, I think I may say, is one of unusual clearness and precision for instruments of this character. We have had no difficulty ourself in ascertaining from it the improvement as claimed by the patentee, as it defines not only the arrangement and construction of the cars—the running gear and the body—but also the principles governing the same, and upon which the improvement is founded. The patentee refers in the beginning to the numerous improvements in the railroads of this country, the radius of which in many instances, is but a few hundred feet, and to the friction arising between the flanges of the wheels and the rails, causing a loss of power, and destruction of both wheels and rails. He then refers to the high velocities on railroads by the modern improvements in locomotive engines, and the demand of public opinion—of the business interests of the country—for this description of speed, and also to the consideration, that certain things in the construction of both roads and cars become important which were not, and would not have been, at the old rates of speed. He observes that the great momentum of the load and inertia of the checks and concussions are among the things to be noted and provided for. The patentee then refers to the fact, that passenger and other cars, in general use upon railroads, have but four wheels, the axles of which are placed from 3½ to 5 feet apart, the distance being governed by the nature of the road upon which they are run, and other considerations. He then observes that, when the cars passing the sharpest curves are constructed so that the axles remain their parallelism, and are at a considerable distance apart, there is a necessity—a tendency in the flanges of the wheels, to come in contact with the rails, especially on a curvature of a short radius, as the axles then vary more from the direction of the radii; and that, from this consideration, when taken alone, it would appear to be best to place the axles as near each other as possible, thus causing them to approach more nearly to the direction of the radii of the curves, and the planes of the wheels, to be more in the line of the rails. But there are other considerations, he says, that must be taken into account in the construction of the car, namely, the increased force of the shocks from obstructions at high velocities; and he observes that the greater the distance between the axles, while the length of the body remains the same, the less is the influence of these shocks and concussions. In consequence of this, he says, a compromise is most commonly made between the evils resulting from a considerable separation and a near approach, as by the modes of construction now (meaning then) in use in respect to the four-wheel cars, one of the advantages which he has referred to must be sacrificed to the other.

The patentee then refers to the fact that the lateral curvatures of the roads, together with their irregularities, create these difficulties—are at the foundation of these difficulties.

It becomes very important therefore, he observes, both as regards comfort, safety and economy, to devise a mode combining the advantages derived from placing the axles a considerable distance apart, with those of allowing them to be situated near to each other. He then refers to the attempt to overcome these difficulties by the use of corner wheels, and to the partial remedy thereby, but points out the failure of the use of those alone, under high velocity, to get rid of the embarrassment.

The patentee then explains the object of his invention, which, among other things, is to make such an adjustment or arrangement of the wheels and axles, as shall cause the body of the cars or carriage to pursue a more even, direct, and safe course than it does as cars are ordinarily constructed, both over the curved and straight parts of the road, by the *desideratum* of combining the advantages of the near and distant coupling of the axles, and other means which he has described.

He then describes the arrangement and construction of his car, which I will not take up your time in reading. It has been read so often, and so frequently illustrated and exemplified in the progress of this trial, that I have no doubt but that you are familiar with it. It will be found upon the copy of the patent which I have between folios 21 and 28. And then comes the claim. The patentee says, after describing the construction of his car:

"I do not claim as my invention, the running of cars or carriages upon eight wheels, this having been previously done; not, however, in the manner or for the purposes herein described, but merely with a view of distributing the weight, carried more evenly upon rails or other ways, and for objects distinct in character from those which I have had in view, as hereinbefore set forth. Nor have the wheels when thus increased in number, been so arranged or connected with each other, either by design or accident, as to accomplish this purpose. What I claim, therefore, as my invention, and for which I ask a Patent, is, the before described manner of arranging and connecting the eight wheels, which constitute the two bearing carriages with a railroad car, so as to accomplish the end proposed by the means set forth, or by any others which are analogous and dependent upon the same principles."

The claim itself explains the improvement set up by the patentee. It is the arrangement and construction and adjustment of the eight-wheel car, as described in his specification—*the car as a whole.* The patentee claims no right as inventor to any of the constituent parts of the car—the wheels, the axles, the peculiar construction or framing of the running gear of the bearing carriages. The contrivances by which they are connected together, the springs, the bolsters, the turning of them upon the centre, or the swiveling of the trucks—nothing of this is claimed as new on the part of the patentee. This is plain from the terms of the claim, which is the construction and arrangement and adjustment of the various parts into a car as a whole, combining the advantages which he has set forth, as he claims.

Now, it is proper to observe, that this improvement as claimed by the patentee, is made upon the existing four-wheel cars, then in general use, and which, as it has appeared in the progress of this trial, is still in use in England, and, probably, upon the Continent, unless they have adopted our eight-wheel cars, some specimens of which I have understood have been sent to the Continent. It will, therefore, be proper and useful for you to examine this four-wheel car as then in general use, and the evidence in respect to it. Models have been introduced and exemplified, and no doubt you understand it. But you should inquire into this fact, in order to ascertain whether or not the difficulties described by the patentee existed upon curved roads at great velocity—I mean as respected this four-wheel car then in use upon roads with high velocity and with short curves—and whether or not the eight-wheel car as arranged and constructed by the patentee is an improvement upon it. This is one of the questions in the case for your consideration, and as to this, you will probably not have much difficulty. From the time they were first brought out in Baltimore—I mean the eight-wheel cars—it is admitted on all sides, that they have generally taken the place of the previous four-wheel car, and their use soon spread throughout the railroads of the United States; and for aught that appears before us in this trial, the first construction and arrangement, and adaptation of those eight-wheel cars to the railroads of this country was in Baltimore, and were constructed and arranged for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, and the Washington branch of it. It was offered, it is true, to be shown, on the part of the defendants, that one—that is an eight-wheel car—was brought out in Massachusetts, in 1838, but that fact, at this late day, afforded no exception to the truth of the remark I have made; for the eight-wheel car, what is claimed by the patentee to be the perfected car—the car completed, and upon which the patent was founded, was made as early as the beginning of the Winter—somewhat in December, 1844—the Washington cars some four years before the eight-wheel car in Massachusetts.

Now, gentlemen, if I have succeeded in explaining to you the improvement described in the plaintiff's patent, and claimed by him upon these four-wheel cars, by the construction of an eight-wheel car, as I hope I have, the next question to which your attention must be called is this: whether or not this eight-wheel car—this improvement as thus described in the patent, and as first brought out in Baltimore—whether this was the improvement of the plaintiff. This is one of the material questions in the case, which, as you have already discovered, has been most seriously contested between the parties. After calling to your minds the construction given by the Court to the patent, and to what constitutes the improvement which is claimed to have been reduced to practical use—after you have ascertained, and comprehended this improvement claimed by the plaintiff, and described in his patent—after this, which is a question of law, (I mean so far as the construction of the patent is concerned,) after you have ascertained what is claimed by the plaintiff as his improvement, the question whether or not he was the first inventor of it is a question of fact, which belongs to you to determine. The burden of the evidence—for the greater portion of the [illegible] the defendants upon their road; and in [illegible] eight-wheel passenger cars, 25 freight cars, and 2 baggage cars. It is also in evidence, and it does not seem to be contradicted, that the plaintiff has the right to use an eight-wheel passenger car worth $300 a car per annum for licensing the use of freight cars and baggage cars would be worth [illegible] per annum. Taking this evidence, and there seems to be no contradiction about it, the damages would upon the principle which I have [illegible] exceed considerably $10,000. There is no doubt about that. But you are limited, and you cannot go beyond that sum. These gentlemen, are all the observations I think it necessary to make to you.

I have prepared for instructions some [illegible] defendant's counsel asserting, I believe, that [illegible] the counsel must excuse me from going over them. I have given all the instructions, and all the principles of law that I deem necessary, or useful in the submission of this case to you, and whatever may be found in these numerous propositions, I deem proper to trouble you with, and respond to them as not pertinent, not relevant, and not material to comment upon.

HAMILTON COLLEGE.—The last Annual Catalogue of Hamilton College has [illegible] The following is a summary: Law students, [illegible]; Junior, 47; Sophomore, [illegible]; Freshmen, 67; Classical Academic Students, 18. Total, [illegible]. The Faculty consists of [illegible]

AN IMPERIAL PRESENT.—Le Gaulois, the leading journal of Paris, [illegible] the comest and youngest prima donna on the stage, has taken Rio Janeiro by storm. The Emperor of Brazil has presented her with a pair of diamond ear-rings worth 20,000 francs—$4,000.

THE STANWIX HALL TRAGEDY.

[illegible]

[illegible] Court opened at 11 A. M. pursuant to adjournment. The public attendance was no [illegible] than the day previous, notwithstanding the [illegible] room of the Court of Sessions.

[illegible] Hon. Judge Daly, not less than 25 [illegible] could have been crowded with [illegible] the Jury, counsel, and those that [illegible] Whiting, the prisoner, [illegible] Clerk, and Sheriff, the plaintiff leading facts [illegible] of the Court building to Chambers, [illegible] within the building, the street outside [illegible] were crowded with those who [illegible] were there anxious to see the [illegible] had been opened this morning.

Mr. Clark rose, and submitted to the Court the propriety of permitting the Jury to go in a body to see the premises in which this affray that resulted in Poole's death took place. He thought it was indispensable for a proper understanding of the evidence, that they should view the spot, accompanied by the Court and its officers, before much more testimony was taken.

The Court thought they might go after adjournment to-day; in the meantime, the diagram of the premises, which was now in Court, would answer all the purposes desired.

Mr. Whiting did not see the necessity for making the visit a visit of the Jury in a body. They could go on Thursday, when the Court would not be in session, or visit the premises themselves before 11 o'clock on Friday morning.

Mr. Clark reiterated his desire to have them visit it with the Court and the officers, so that that might be one of the official acts of the trial.

[illegible] matter dropped for the present.

Mr. John Dean, one of the proprietors of Stanwix Hall, was recalled by the prosecution and examined by Mr. Whiting.

[illegible] WITNESS'S FORMER EVIDENCE.

Counsel—You stated yesterday that the first shot fired in the bar-room was the one fired by Turner, with the pistol on his arm. Was there any report of a pistol in that room between that first firing and the second firing by Turner?

A.—No, I did not.

Q.—Was there any firing by Turner and the [illegible] report of a pistol intermediate between these two? A.—I think there was.

Q.—How many reports were there in that intermediate? A.—I could not tell; I do not think there was more than one; I could not tell by whom it was made, whether the pistol it came; that was the only one that I heard between the firing by Baker and Turner; after that there was the report of a pistol; I did not see anyone as they were firing; I did not see Turner firing his pistol; I saw pistols in the hands of Poole, Turner, Baker, Van Felt and Baker; I think I saw Van Felt with a pistol; I was positive as to that; I saw Van Felt have a pistol; it was two parts of the pistol; it was not in his pocket; I saw it in the fore part of the room; I do not recollect where they were; I then saw it in his pocket; but when Baker came, saw it in no place but in his pocket; I never saw it after; I never saw it in any other place but in his pocket; I left the affray; I did not see it after the affray; I did not see any of these parties firing that night; I did not see Van Felt with a pistol; I heard the firing in the bar-room; I was out at the door; Turner and Baker were in the bar-room; Turner went out first; Baker followed; Turner went out first; Baker followed; I was the last of them to leave the room.

CROSS-EXAMINATION.

The witness was cross-examined by Mr. Clark.

Counsel—How long had you kept that establishment before this affray? A.—I had been in it only a week.

Q.—What business were you in before? A.—I was a butcher.

Q.—How long had you been a butcher? A.—For twenty or twenty-five years; Hyler (one of the parties in the affray) was my apprentice; before I got into the tavern, the third story, Frank occupied one [illegible] I was there; I produce Hyler's family were there at the time of the affray; he was seen not three quarters of a [illegible] previous on the premises; I presume there was [illegible] at the second floor when Hyler [illegible] I cannot answer the question, for I [illegible] I kept the house; I was not be[illegible] selling out liquor at the time these [illegible] William Mitchell was attending the [illegible] and Turner came in first; I may say I [illegible] of that; Lynn and Van Felt, I think, [illegible] without much interval between [illegible] Mr. Baker, I think, came in [illegible] George Anderson, I think, came in [illegible] the interval [illegible] greater than [illegible]

[illegible] I think Turner [illegible] and drank [illegible] bar-room; Baker and [illegible] when Baker invited [illegible] to invite Poole [illegible] said, "Come, let us all take [illegible] of them were drunk but [illegible] was drunk; I thought [illegible] he had seen him before; [illegible] intoxicating liquor; he had [illegible] drank the [illegible] quarter or half-pint [illegible] drank [illegible] drunk the [illegible] portion of wine; the [illegible] Baker's call was for [illegible] Turner was [illegible] with Poole [illegible] invited all hands to [illegible] drink; some three [illegible] with him; I did [illegible] Mr. Baker drank [illegible] more drunk with him [illegible] I do not know; I think [illegible] other man was drinking with him; Turner and Poole were drinking by themselves alone; they did not join in Baker's [illegible]; that was the condition of things when Pau[illegible] came in; the first thing that attracted my observation was Pau[illegible] addressing Poole in the way that he did; nothing had been done or said before that to a boisterous way in the slightest degree; up to the time of Pau[illegible] addressing Poole I had been standing behind Poole; I paid no more particular attention to Poole than there was other [illegible]

Q.—I want to know whether you observed anything on the part of Poole to call for such a remark from Pau[illegible]

A.—I did not; the moment Pau[illegible] made that remark I had my eye on him because I knew he was used to [illegible] things; that was his style.

Mr. Brady—What do you mean by his style?

A.—I have seen him do the same thing three or four times to other people.

Q.—Ask him, "What are you looking at?"

A.—Yes.

To Mr. Clark.—Poole, I am sure, made no reply to the remark or to anything that was said even by Pau[illegible], who was up to Poole and said: "You black [illegible] son of a b—h, what are you looking at?" before that I told him to behave himself or to go out of the house.

Counsel—Because you did not want to have them fighting there?

Witness—[illegible]

Counsel—And I arrived at that inference that you wanted no fighting because you said yesterday that you took the stakes, put them in your pocket, and held them for the parties.

Witness—No, Sir; I told him to go out of the house; I did not want any fighting there; Pau[illegible] said, "There, why do you not put them all out of doors; then Pau[illegible] went up and addressed Poole as I have said: "You black [illegible] son of a b—h," &c.; the first thing Poole said after Pau[illegible] asked him, "What are you looking at; I want to fight you;" was Poole's saying, "You are not worth it;" when Pau[illegible] asked Poole out to the yard, Turner stepped between Pau[illegible] and Poole, caught Pau[illegible] by the collar, and said, "You did not come here to fight;" at that time Lynn and Van Felt interfered; Pau[illegible] struck Van Felt and kicked at Lynn (I want to be positive that he hit Van Felt; I think he did); Turner tried to stop Pau[illegible]; Van Felt and Lynn did the same thing; the most thing that was said was Poole's offering to bet $500 that he could lick any man in New-York; and he put his hand in his pocket, brought out five twenty-dollar gold pieces, handed them to Mr. and told me to hold them; I took them, put them in my pocket, and walked away towards the end of the counter.

Where the witness explained to the Jury on a ground plan of the premises produced by the counsel for the defence, the relative position of the bar, the oyster box, the washstand, the stove, the pantry, &c., as they were in Stanwix Hall on the 24th February, and the different places at which several parties mentioned by him stood.]

Mr. Clark resumed his cross-examination.—I went, he said, to bring pay down to the period when Van Felt, Lynn and Turner all interfered to prevent a collision between Poole and Pau[illegible]

Q.—How were they then standing?

Witness—The position of the parties which I have described to the Jury, was their position at the time they were drinking; they were standing against the bar, but moving about as men do in a place of the same sort; when Pau[illegible] came in, he went up to Poole; Poole was leaning against the bar; Pau[illegible] addressed him and Pau[illegible] [illegible] Poole; Poole then [illegible] Pau[illegible] said, "Come, let us all take a drink;" Pau[illegible] said, "I want to have a word with Poole;"

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To-day having been designated by the Governor to be observed throughout the State, no paper will be issued from this Office this afternoon.

The News by the Star of the West.

The steamship *Star of the West*, of the Nicaragua line, arrived yesterday from Punta Arenas, bringing a fortnight's later intelligence from California. Among the most interesting items of news is the discovery of extensive gold mines in Tuolumne County, which, it is reported, exceed in richness all previous discoveries. The mountain in which the deposits have been found is about twenty miles long, and it is said that one hundred thousand dollars worth of gold has been already taken from about a hundred square feet of earth, drawn from the bowels of the mountain. It is supposed that in this new field there will be work for thousands of men for years to come.

A terrible accident took place in San Francisco on the 2d inst. The still of an extensive distillery accidentally exploded, and the building, instantly catching fire, was destroyed within a brief space of time. Two men were killed, and six others dangerously injured. The loss to the proprietors is estimated at $100,000. Another case of Lynch law had occurred at a place called Hill's Ferry, in Stanislaus County. Four men, who had stolen a hundred head of cattle, were captured, and, after their guilt had been fully proven, were hung by the inhabitants. Beyond these incidents, there is little of importance from California.

From Oregon and Washington Territories, however, the intelligence is of the most startling interest. The Indians have risen in immense numbers and an actual war is raging throughout the country. In sparsely populated districts the utmost alarm prevails, as no less than sixty to seventy murders of whites are reported to have taken place during the latter fortnight of October. According to previous advices from Washington Territory it will be remembered that Major HALLER was left in a most critical situation near Puget Sound, surrounded by an overwhelming force of Indians, and that reinforcements were hastening to his relief. It is now reported that he was obliged to give the savages battle, and finally succeeded in forcing his way through their ranks after two days' severe fighting. We publish elsewhere all the details received in relation to the matter, which is one of great interest and importance.

The news from Nicaragua is quite exciting. On the 5th of November General CORRAL, recently concluded a treaty of peace with WALKER, was arrested in Granada for high treason. Letters from him to GUARDIOLA (late a general officer in the Legitimist army of Nicaragua) having been intercepted, revealed a deep conspiracy to overthrow the existing Government of Nicaragua. The proof against CORRAL being clear, he was tried and convicted by court-martial, and on the 8th was shot in accordance with the sentence and finding of the Court. The whole proceedings of the court-martial will be found in full on another page. On the 10th inst. President RIVAS received Hon. JOHN H. WHEELER, Minister of the United States to Nicaragua. In an address delivered on the occasion, Mr. WHEELER acknowledged on behalf of his Government the independence of the Nicaraguan Government recently established.

A Successful Filibuster.

We have thought, heretofore, that our enterprising fellow citizen, Colonel WALKER, was born a few centuries too late; that he was misplaced, drifted out of his course and cast upon 1855, when he should have made his *début* in the day of CORTEZ or BALBOA. But his success in Nicaragua almost convinces us that we were in error, and that he has had, all along a very clear perception of his destiny, and has taken precisely the right steps to accomplish it. Nothing seemed more hopeless and desperate than the fortunes of the gallant Colonel when his unsuccessful attempt to revolutionize and make himself the Chief of that portion of Mexican territory. But he was bound to be President of some country, and he does not appear to be all particular as to localities. Since he cannot annex a new State to our Union, he is content with doing the next best thing, and so makes himself master of Nicaragua. Talk of COERTES and DE SOTO, they both had the advantage of a regular force and the sanction of their monarch and the blessing of the Pope. But our adventurous countryman starts as an outlaw, and, with a mere corporal's guard of ragamuffins, he marches into the heart of a territory with which all the world is at peace, makes himself the head of the nation, and, being the Government *de facto*, is acknowledged as the legal chief of a great country by our diplomatic representative. There is no foretelling what great events may spring from the filibustering exploits of Colonel WALKER, or how important a service he may be rendering, unwittingly to his own country and the commerce of the world. For the present WALKER is a man of much and illustrious to achieve a reputation which his early career hardly promised.

Thanksgiving Day.

Everybody now turns home on Thanksgiving day who has a home to go to; and having said this, we have pronounced the highest eulogy on the day which it can be honored with; for what are we all striving for but to make home happy? and the day consecrated to family reunions, to the nurture of the sweet influences of the social relations of life, to the strengthening of old friendships, the healing of old contentions, to enlarging the affections and promoting the temperate jollity of the fireside is surely one of the blessedest days set apart for special observance by human appointment.

Thanksgiving Day, which has now become a national festival, is a standing refutation of the charge of asceticism so often made against the Puritan settlers of New-England. They would not observe Christmas with its holly and plum pudding and jollity, not because they had any objection to them as elements of enjoyment, but because they had a smack of Episcopacy. So they instituted an Annual Thanksgiving in the place of Christmas, and made it a day of feasting, of a public avowal of gratitude to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, for all the blessings they had enjoyed during the year. It is but a few years since the custom of appointing, or rather recommending this annual festival, has been adopted out of New-England; but it is now universal, and Thanksgiving is kept in all the States, after the manner of its original observance, though not with entire abandonment of secular labor with which the day is kept in the land of its origin.

We once heard a New-England divine commence his Thanksgiving sermon with the startling remark that, for his part, he saw little to be thankful for, speaking as a laborer in the Vineyard of the Lord, for there had been so few conversions during the year that his heart had nothing to rejoice at. This was taking a strictly professional view of God's blessings, and we must leave it to our religious cotemporaries to enlarge now upon the degree of gratitude which should be felt in regard to the additions to the Church militant during the past year. But every one must feel that, as a people, we never had greater cause for thankfulness, for gratitude and jollity, for a public expression of a devout reliance on the God of Nations than we have now. The Lord of the Harvest has blessed us abundantly, we are literally overflowing with abundance, and, from the fullness of our granaries, we are feeding the less favored nations of the earth. We have peace in all our borders—there is no enemy to make us afraid—we exult in our lusty might, and are waxing rich and fat. The sun never before shed his renovating beams upon a land so free from ill, in all its wide extent, as this. Our pious fathers, who instituted the festival of grateful praise which we keep to-day, never looked forward to the golden promise and rich realities which their wisdom and hardy virtues have given us as an inheritance. And while remembering what we enjoy, and the brightness of our future, let us not forget, in giving thanks, the stern integrity and pious virtues of those who laid the foundation of our greatness as a nation, and our happiness as a people.

The Chamber of Commerce and the British Consul.

The public on both sides the Atlantic are indebted to the New-York Chamber of Commerce for unraveling and exposing one of the most absurdly flimsy plots that ever disturbed the tranquillity of a nation. Some of the greatest events of history have had their origin in very trivial occurrences, but never before were two great nations on the point of going to war in consequence of the practical waggery of a sailor. The whole affair of the *Maury*, and the strange hallucination of Mr. BARCLAY, H. B. M.'s Consul, would have remained a mystery forever, and a very broad farce would have been smothered under a load of grave official documents, but for the honest indignation of the Chamber of Commerce, which induced them to ferret out the real causes of a degrading imputation cast upon the character of one of our business firms. Such an *esprit de corps*, and so prompt an attempt to repel a discreditable charge against one of their body, speaks well for the character of our merchants.

By their investigations they showed how entirely groundless the suspicions of the British Consul were, and how his zeal to serve the cause of his Royal Mistress had led him to the commission of *miseries* which appear incredible in a man of ordinary soundness of judgment. Having done this the Chamber of Commerce had nothing further to do with the matter, but some of its members, in a state of high excitement, were for requesting the British Government to remove the Consul whose inconsiderate action had been the cause of so much trouble. The majority, however, overruled any such preposterous folly, and passed a very proper series of resolutions in connection with the affair.

The party who has suffered most, and has the greatest cause for complaint against the officious Consul, is not the mercantile community of New-York, but the British Government itself, which has been put to needless trouble, and been thrown into a fearful state of alarm by his credulity and lack of prudence.

As the London *Times* had not the fairness or honesty to publish the letter of Mr. BUCHANAN, contradicting the statement it had made that the American Minister had promised the aid and sympathy of this country to the Allies in their war on Russia, we can hardly expect that it will publish the *expose* made by the Chamber of Commerce, or permit its readers to know what a very small mouse it was that caused it to belch forth such a torrent of indignant thunder against this country. As the British Consul is a gentleman of high standing in this community, and has ever maintained an honorable character amongst us, there can hardly be a doubt that he will make some satisfactory explanation of his conduct, and some apology to the firm whose honorable character was, for awhile, placed under an unjust imputation by his extraordinary charges.

His Excellency the Mayor.

Mr. HALL, the District-Attorney, addresses his letter to Mayor WOOD respecting the new arrangement for the Police about the Courts, "TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE MAYOR." But, if the Mayor is entitled to be addressed as "His Excellency," on official business, we have been most lamentably in the dark respecting the etiquette of the Mayor's office. Perhaps the next thing we hear of will be "His Excellency FERNANDO the First." It might have been a slip of the pen in the District-Attorney, but it was a very remarkable one. Governors of States and the President of the United States are sometimes addressed as "His Excellency," but it is a mere senseless flourish; the law recognizes no titles whatever, and the absurd custom of affixing the term "Honorable" to members of Congress, though a general custom, has no legal warrant, and means nothing. Applying such epithets as "Honorable" and "Excellency" is merely a matter of taste, like addressing a note to —— Smith, Esq., or to Mr. Smith. Every one should be allowed to indulge his own fancy in such matters, but in official communications the only proper and dignified way is to address whatever dignitary it may be, simply by name, with his official designation: as, for instance, to "—— BRIGGS, Alderman of Thirteenth Ward;" "FRANKLIN PIERCE, President of the United States;" "THOMAS WHITNEY, M. C.," and so on.

Officers of the Army and Navy are always addressed according to their rank, as: Lieutenant, Captain, Colonel, General, and so on. This simple and dignified system saves us from a good many blunders, and at once fixes the rank or position of the person addressed. But, when we hear of Honorables and Excellencies, we are not quite sure what such epithets imply, and, in directing notes to official dignitaries, we are often at a loss to know in what manner they are to be addressed, without seeming to treat them with a less degree of respect than what they may consider themselves entitled to. The President of the United States is not allowed the privilege of a handle to his name—he is simply Mr. PIERCE; and it looks like a piece of burlesque formality to apply a title to a Mayor, which we withhold from the Chief Magistrate of the nation.

Beef versus Turkeys.

The Washington Markets and the Washington Drove-yards were in lively competition yesterday, and the markets came out ahead. In the market were exhibited uncounted thousands of turkeys and fowls of lesser note; in the drove-yards we found 2,894 of about as bony animals—called beeves—as we ever saw there on one market day. Turkeys sold rapidly at a good advance over old prices; cattle went down at least one-half cent per pound from last week's sales, which were thought by the owners to be unusually low. But they were high enough yesterday for the quality. With all that the New-York Agricultural Society has accomplished, the character of the fourteen hundred and odd neat cattle contributed by this State to yesterday's market, plainly indicates that the above Society has much still to do towards improving the breeds of cattle, before we can rival Ohio and Kentucky in the production of beef.

The first class butchers secured a few good bullocks; as for the rest they took a limited supply of the best the market afforded, and their customers should not complain of hollow bones thinly covered, when they go back from Thanksgiving turkey to their accustomed beef—the butchers got the best they could! Luckily the demand will not be great.

The total supply of Beeves reported is 4,868, quite enough for any week. The country Drovers forgot that on Thanksgiving Day everybody eats poultry, and for the rest of the week dine on what is left. We will simply hint to them that on Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks about one thousand less cattle are required than at other times.

Amusements for Thanksgiving.

Unusual attractions are provided at all our places of amusement for to-night.

At the ACADEMY OF MUSIC, Mons. MONPLAISIR, the *Maître de Ballet*, takes his benefit, and provides a musical and terpsichorian entertainment of some novelty. The first act of "Masaniello" and the second act of "Il Trovatore" are the musical features; the ballet entertainment called the "Butterfly," a *pas de trois* called "Les Echos du Tyrol," and a dance called "Young America," the terpsichorian ones. Prices are reduced for this occasion. Performances commence at 7½ o'clock.

At Burton's Theatre there is a magnificent bill. Mr. BURTON appears in three characters. The pieces are the "Little Treasure," the "Blue Devils," "Wanted, One thousand Milliners," and "Villikins and his Dinah."

At the Broadway Theatre, Mrs. JULIA DEAN HAYNE will assuredly attract a crowd. She appears as *Marian*, in KNOWLES' play of the "Wrecker's Daughter." Then there is some singing and dancing followed by the Scottish drama in two acts, called the "Lady of the Lake." Performances commence at 7 o'clock.

At Niblo's Garden the famous RAVELS will appear in three pieces, assisted by all the new dancers. The pieces "Jeannette and Jeannot," "Katey, the Vivandiere," and "Asphodel."

At WALLACK'S, three excellent pieces will be performed, with all the strength of this fine company; the "Dowager," the "Little Treasure," and the "Loan of a Lover."

At BARNUM'S Museum there will be performances in the morning at 10 o'clock, afternoon at 2 and 4½, and evening at 7½. A long list of pieces and other special attractions will be found in our advertising columns.

At the Newark Theatre there will be two performances, one in the afternoon the other in the evening.

In the way of Negro Minstrelsy our friends will find everything they want at CHRISTY & WOOD'S, No. 444 Broadway, and BUCKLEY'S, No. 539 Broadway.

And for Fine Arts, the best place to go to is undoubtedly the Dusseldorf Gallery, No. 497 Broadway.

For other amusements our readers must consult our advertising columns.

Classical Matinee.

A morning concert, as such, is a novelty in New-York. We have, to be sure, a few Philharmonic rehearsals during the season, and Mr. ERNOLD lends us three or four more—all in the morning, or rather afternoon. But they are breathless little conspiracies, enveloped in much mystery and silence. The regular musical amateurs—attendance, that is to say, a choice whipping together of the *crème de la crème* of public fashion and taste, assembled in broad daylight, and with "malice aforethought," has hitherto been denied us. The age, however, is constantly finding fresh resources in itself, and New-York goes decidedly with the age—perhaps a little before it. Thus, while other cities are struggling valorously for something to amuse themselves with in the evening, we, safe in this extremity, are devising new methods of whiling away the morning hours.

The attendance at Messrs. MASON and BERGMANN's first Musical Matinée, given on Tuesday, shows us that there is a very large public to whom the early dozen hours preceding dinner is a weary desert. Hershorth's Hall was completely crowded, and in its gay display of female charms and *ton*, presented a scene of great and novel interest.

The programme was classical in the strictest sense of the word. A slight admixture of something not German would have been a relief, particularly in the vocal department. The only object of vocal music in concerts of this special character is to afford a contrast to the more massive works, and obviously the best way to effect this is to appeal to another school. The Germans are unapproachable in quartette music, and all kindred compositions—but they are not felicitous in their treatment of the voice. WAGNER's romanza from the "Tannhauser" was simply heavy and unintelligible, and MOZART's song lugubrious. They demanded all the attention that the greater instrumental works required, but without deserving it. The vocalist who rendered these two compositions had an unhappy trick of singing out of tune, we are sorry to say.

Two special attractions were a posthumous work of FRANZ SCHUBERT, (Quartette in D minor,) and a Grand Trio, (in D major,) by a young composer named JOHANNES BRAHMS. SCHUBERT's work can scarcely be called characteristic, although in its best portion (the Andante) it breathes the sentiment and inspiration of the world-known master. In the *scherzo* he encounters a strange motion to which his earnest mind cannot accustom itself. He becomes at once fragmentary, incomplete and brief, and hurries to the end as to a goal. But in the presto he again recovers himself and gives wing to all the poetic fervor of his nature. This movement is singularly charming and vigorous. In rhythmetic character and *diplomb* it bears a strong likeness to a large family of Scotch *Strathspeys*, whilst in treatment it manifests the keenest appreciation of stringed-instrument effects. We cannot speak too highly of the performance of this quartette by Messrs. THOMAS, MOSENTHAL, MATTEA and BERGMANN. Beyond a little excusable nervousness incidental to a first public performance, their execution was artistic, excellent and faultless.

The trio in B flat, by Mr. BRAHMS, is an early work, written, we believe, at the age of eighteen. With many good points, and much sound musicianship, it possesses also the usual defects of a young writer, among which may be enumerated length and solidarity. The *motiveo* seldom fall on the ear freshly. They suggest something else that has been heard before, and induce a skeptical frame of mind, not altogether just, for the composer evidently has ideas of his own. In the elaboration of these ideas he is frequently original, always correct, and generally too lengthy. The extreme difficulty of the work (particularly for the stringed instruments) evokes some new effects, and these are its best features. It was superbly played by Messrs. MASON, THOMAS and BERGMANN. A soloist does not usually shine in concerted music, but Mr. MASON in this trio, and in MENDELSSOHN'S *Variations Concertantes*, put forth fresh and legitimate claims to public distinction. Mr. BERGMANN was also excellent in the latter composition.

CHOPIN's *Fantasie Impromptu* in C sharp minor was the only legitimate solo of the morning, for the two charming little preludes by HELLER, can only be considered as recreations. The design of this work strongly resembles that other famous *Impromptu* of CHOPIN's in A flat major, which ten thousand pianists are probably playing at this moment, except that it has a fascinating and most delicious Adagio. The instrument on which Mr. MASON played had a clipping thin sound, not at all favorable to his brilliant style of execution, and the performance, perhaps, for that reason failed to realize the effect we anticipated.

The appreciation of the audience was proved by the evident satisfaction with which they remained to the end.

Concert.

Mr. OSCAR COMETTANT, assisted by Mdle. WALLACH BOCCHERLE, Signora VIRTTI VERTEFEUILLE, Mlle. LOUISE BRANDEIS, Signor BERNARDI, Mons. APPY, (violin,) Herr SCHREINER, (cornet,) and Señor NAZORO LOPEZ, gave a grand concert at the Metropolitan Theatre, on Tuesday evening, for the purpose, we imagine, of introducing the last named gentleman to an American audience. A great deal of interest was manifested in the debutant, from the fact of his being a son of the unfortunate General LOPEZ, of Cuban fame. There was a moderately good attendance, consisting for the most part of fierce-looking but diminutive Spaniards. We need only speak of Señor LOPEZ—the other *artistes* being well known. He is young, and quick and impressionable in his movements. As an amateur he would be pronounced first rate, but he can scarcely hold the same rank among professional *pianistes*. He is deficient in strength, and superabundant in delicacy. With practice he may be able to accomplish a great deal for he possesses talent. At present he is simply a finished amateur. Signor LOPEZ was cordially received.

Increase of Judicial Salaries.

The Board of Supervisors held a special meeting yesterday afternoon, at the call of the Mayor, for the purpose of considering the question of increasing the salaries of the Judges. Mr. BROWN offered a resolution proposing to raise all the salaries to $6,000, to date from January, 1855; but this motion was so amended as to read $5,000, to date from January, 1856. In this form the resolutions were adopted. The following table exhibits the present salary of each Judge, with the increase voted by the Board:

Offices.	No. Judges.	Present Salary.	New Salary.	Increase.
Superior Court	6	$4,000	$5,000	$1,000
Common Pleas	2	3,000	5,000	2,000
Recorder	1	3,500	5,000	1,500
City Judge	1	3,500	5,000	1,500
Surrogate	1	3,500	5,000	1,500

Total of salaries under new arrangement: Superior Court $30,000; Common Pleas $10,000; Recorder $5,000; City Judge $5,000; Surrogate $5,000. Aggregate, $60,000 per annum. Under old system, $43,500; total increase, $16,500 per annum.

Great opposition was exhibited on the part of a few members of the Board to an increase of the salary of the City Judge. Mr. LORD (who is supposed to represent the Mayor on all occasions) was very severe upon Judge STUART, and expressly objected to any increase of pay, so long as that gentleman remains in office. Mr. WAKEMAN and Mr. BROWN were not influenced by similar considerations, and voted for the pay. Mayor WOOD, who presided, voted against STUART, and, oddly enough, after all that has been said, found a backer in Alderman WILLIAMSON, of the Second Ward. The increase was finally voted, 15 to 7, as follows:

Ayes—The Recorder, Brown, Moses, Baird, Hoffmire, Howard, Fox, Steers, Wakeman, Briggs, Kelly, Ely, Herrick, Varian, Drake—15.

Noes—The Mayor, Williamson, W. Tucker, Voorhis, Christy, Lord, C. H. Tucker—7.

Free Academy for Girls.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

The reader of the TIMES who in any way is conversant with the affairs of our Ward Schools, (especially those of the Fifteenth Ward,) could but be surprised at the report of the City Superintendent of Common Schools, recommending the establishment of a Free Academy for Girls, and suggesting that the new School-house in the Fifteenth Ward should be taken for that purpose. Perhaps no Schools in the City have done more to elevate the character of the Ward Schools than those of the Fifteenth Ward. This, we believe, will not be denied. The citizens of that Ward have always been careful in the selection of School-officers. Most of them are men of education; many of them have been engaged in the business of instruction, and all of them are devoted to the interests of the Schools. The majority of the Board (twelve in all) have served from ten to twenty years in our Public Schools—none of them less than five years. The idea of erecting a separate School for Girls originated with them, and but for the delays of the law in securing the property, they would have tested the experiment they wish to. It is this: To give a better and more comprehensive education to females than they now receive, without any material increase of expense. Can they effect this object by the sole aid and assistance of female teachers? If they can, any other Ward can do the same—and then, instead of one Free Academy, with a few hundred pupils, we could have a dozen or more Schools, with their thousands of pupils. The propriety and economy of this system are certainly worth studying, before a new Free Academy is established. QUIDNUNCS.

New Kind of Arithmetic.

A stranger not well up in mathematics visited a school in the Fifteenth Ward lately, and listened, among other things, to an examination of a class in Algebra. As he was leaving the room, "Say," said he to his friend who showed him up, "Say, ain't that a new kind of arithmetic? 'Pears to me I didn't study anything like that in DANIEL."

THE NAVAL BOARD.

A Navy Officer's Views of the Action of the Late Naval Board, and the Naval Bill thereof Likes.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

Since the establishment of the New-York TIMES, I have been, whenever occasion offered, a correspondent and contributor, communicating with you from various parts of the world, and sometimes furnishing you information upon subjects with which, from my profession, I was more likely to be familiar than yourself or your editorial corps. If, then, I should, at this time, claim the privilege of an old friend, and ask for a small space in your columns to express certain sentiments, which, although differing from your own, perhaps, are the honest convictions of my mind, I hope you will grant it. As this does not withhold from you the right of comment, and as there are always two sides to a story, I trust to your liberality to let the public have both of them.

It has been well known for some years past that reform in the personnel of the Navy of the United States was not only desirable, but essentially necessary; but the question always arose, how is this reform to be effected? Year after year attempts were made in Congress to bring up and pass some bill that would meet the wants of the service; yet, year after year did all the friends of the Navy, both in the Senate and House of Representatives, fail to carry out their object, through an influence which always lies hidden somewhere about the lobbies.

It was not until the last session of Congress that anything wisedom at all calculated to give the nation a hope of improved efficiency in our Naval service, and the Press, generally, throughout the land, was loud in its exclamations of the passage of a bill that was to purge it of the drones. Now, however, sympathy has arisen for those who composed the weight that held improvement down, and some journals seem lavish of this same sympathy, which seems nothing, and is more needed than deserved. With that habit (peculiar to journalists in our country) of writing upon subjects with which they are unacquainted, and on which they take no pains to inform themselves, editors have come out in an unguarded and unscrupulous manner, and showered vituperations upon the heads of the members of a Board of Naval Officers, convened at Washington last Summer, in obedience to a law emanating from the representatives of the people of this Union. In accordance with that law they acted; with the addition of instructions from the Secretary of the Navy, as to the way they were to construe certain portions of it. If, therefore, there be an error, it is in the law. But I am inclined to believe that if there be an error in the law, it is a slight one, and can be easily remedied. I do not deny that there may be individual instances where the judgment of a majority of the Board has been at fault; but if these exist they are few, and the good accomplished will more than counterbalance any problematical injury or severity of action. Let us take, for instance, the case of Commodore STEWART—glorious Old Ironsides. As a naval hero he belongs to his country. He is the sole survivor of the Commanders who, in our naval fights with Great Britain, captured an enemy's ship. But no one can for a moment assert that he is not now too old and infirm for active service at sea! He has more than once said so himself; and for this very reason, as I am informed, declined the command of the squadron on the coast of Mexico, during our war with that country. On this account he is placed on the honorary retired list—mark, there is no disgrace attached to his retirement!—being retained on shore duty, and merely making room for a younger man to go to sea in his stead. Were he not so situated, he would remain in precisely the same position, receiving precisely the same emoluments, but there could be nobody to take his place in the active service that the grade of officers to which he belongs is called upon to perform. It would be a well merited compliment, I grant you, to create him an admiral, and permit him to retire upon the full pay of that rank.

That age and infirmity incapacitate a man for the ordinary avocations of life cannot but be admitted; how much more, then, must they render incompetent one from whom is required, at all times, the utmost energy and vigor? I should think that we had lately had too many instances of the danger of employing officers of probable imbecility in the Crimea, and Baltic and Black Seas, not to open our eyes to the mischief that might accrue from such a course. As it is with Commodore STEWART, so it is with others who, either from supernanuation or other physical incapacity, have been retired. They have served their country well, and for this past service they are receiving a handsome remuneration. Can anything be more just? Can anything be more generous?

Amongst the officers placed on furlough, are those who, according to the decision of the board, are themselves to blame for having become incompetent; and, also, such as are so from physical causes, but whose length of service would not seem to justify a higher rate of pay. Both these classes are receiving a life annuity, equivalent, in the opinion of the board, to the services they have rendered.

The officers dropped from the list, are men whom the board considered unworthy their positions; but most of them are such as have been out of the Navy and reinstated once or twice, either in consequence of sentences of courts-martial, or resignations to avoid trial. They have, by means of an influence it was designed should not operate on this board, been hanging on the skirts of the service for a number of years.

This is a plain statement of the action of the much abused Naval Board, and I make it to you, Mr. Editor, because you know me, and are aware that I am not one of its members. As I have before intimated, however, I am not prepared to state that there may not be some cases with which a little more lenient dealing would have done no harm, though if we balance the good that must come of this action against the evil, the weight is greatly in favor of the former.

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The Pardon of Dr. Beale.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Nov. 24, 1855.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

In your brief article in the TIMES of to-day, on the pardon of Dr. BEALE, you have unintentionally done injustice to Gov. POLLOCK. After quoting a paragraph from the application made to the Governor by the Board of Prison Inspectors, to wit, that "the end contemplated by the laws in the moral reform of the prisoner had been attained," &c., You then state the Governor's full conviction of the innocence of Dr. BEALE, and add, "this last reason for granting a full pardon to the unfortunate victim of one of the most remarkable hallucinations on record, renders his other reasons insulting and impertinent."

I am not surprised you should have said *just this* in view of the meagre and imperfect sketch which most of our papers gave of the official document releasing Dr. BEALE from prison. I inclose you the document *entire*, as it appeared this morning in the Pennsylvania *Inquirer* and the *Daily Times*. You will see, by its perusal, that the Governor aimed to present a condensed statement of all the evidence laid before him bearing upon the case of Dr. BEALE. One of the documents was transmitted to him by the Board of Prison Inspectors, and most of our papers, unwisely enough, saw fit to present that, and keep back nearly all that preceded it. I hope, in justice to Gov. POLLOCK, you will find space in your widely circulated journal to insert the document entire. I was amazed that our papers should have thought it of so little importance as to give only the closing part, leaving the community to draw inferences in regard to the Governor by no means creditable to his head or his heart. The TIMES of this city will republish the pardon on Monday morning, its edition this morning having been exhausted before the demand was supplied. Your views of the horrible wrong done to Dr. BEALE accord with those of thousands in this city. It is not a light matter to tear an innocent man from aged parents, and from a numerous family, and shut him up in prison for thirteen long dreary months, blasting his good name, ruining his business, undermining his health, and reducing him from competence to poverty. If it had been you or me, we should have felt, in the language of Judge BEALE, that our "case was an *awfully hard one*." Truly yours, &c.

The document is too long for publication in our columns. The above communication presents a correct view of its leading points.—EDS. TIMES.

☞ ABBOTT & Co. are out with an illustrated paper called *Young Sam*. It is principally devoted to puns.

A lecture was announced to be delivered last evening at the Tabernacle, by Rev. [illegible], of Lower Canada, on the feasibility of uniting all Christian denominations with the Roman Catholic Church. Your reporter was present. The lecture appeared, but the quality of the audience was made the ground of postponement of the lecture, as it had been rumored that a row would break up the meeting!

To be in Earnest, or Not to be—Tabernacle Church.

The John-street Methodist Church (which, of more it up-town, we not [illegible]) Bishop Simpson, to whom the case had been referred, for arbitration, from the Supreme Court.

The parties who oppose the removal of the church, appeared by Mr. Chauncey Shafter, and Hon. Lewis Cassenovia; the other side had [illegible] Mr. E. L. Fancher, and Judge Simpson. A great deal of testimony was taken, but not all, by any means, that is to be. Adjourned to Saturday.

☞ The Aldermen had a very short and important session last evening. In receiving [illegible] of the nonconcurrence of the Council in their action upon the Harmonic contract, they adhered to their former action, and appointed a Committee of Conference, consisting of Messrs. WM. TUCKER, [illegible] and VOORHIS.

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From Harper's Magazine.

This is one of the most picturesque fancies of Indian tradition, and under the plastic shaping of the poet, is expanded into an episode of wild and striking beauty. The subsequent line of Hiawatha is diversified with an abundance of fabulous adventures, which Mr. Longfellow adorns with the brightest hues of his imagination. In point of diction, the poem is marked by an elaborate simplicity—the Indian names are curiously wrought into the exquisite finish of the verse—and though some passages are almost prosaic in their bareness of embellishment, the whole texture of the composition shows the dainty fastidiousness for which the author is remarkable. * * *

It affords a noble illustration of his fine poetic instinct, the purity and sweetness of his imagination, and his artistic nicety and versatility of expression. * * *

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From the Boston Transcript.

The hero rises like another Prometheus, and his career is pictured with great power and skill. The heroine, with her beautiful name, Minehaha, (Laughing Water) is a charming character, and her love-story is delicious as the odors of the forest, and the song of wild birds. The atmosphere of the whole poem is redolent of Nature unworn, and the blooms of a life unhackneyed and free are sprinkled with a master's hand along the lines of this fresh and most lovely legend.

From the Concord Reporter.

The appearance of this poem is an event in the literary world of more than ordinary interest. In this production is to be noted the same artistic polish which characterizes the author's former productions—the same faultless metre and melodious rhythm. The trochaic four-feet verse, used in this poem is peculiarly well adapted to the themes sung. One would think that the ugly-looking Indian names would be hard things to make music of, but genius can do almost anything—there is music in the roughest and longest of them, as the "Song of Hiawatha" attests. Some of the legends are grotesque and improbable, yet with such grace are they told by the poet, that one is almost constrained to believe them; at any rate, is made to see their true beauty, which is lost in any prose rendering of them.

From the Springfield Republican.

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"All the many sounds of nature
Borrowed sweetness from his singing;
All the hearts of men were softened
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From the Providence Transcript.

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From the Boston Courier.

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From the New-York Sunday Atlas.

The scholar and student will welcome it as a rare addition to our national literature; and the antiquary and searcher after Indian lore will regard it as one of their most invaluable treasures. The reading and research necessary to have compiled the material out of which this poem is created, must have cost Mr. Longfellow many hours of weary labor, for which he will be amply repaid by the completion of his work, and the high reputation that must be vouchsafed it by Europeans as well as American reviewers; in fact it must take rank as the only poem in the language which truthfully embodies Indian manners and traditions.

From the New-Bedford Mercury.

But the charm of the poem, in our apprehension, lies in the exquisite pictures which warm alike the fancy and heart; the sylvan landscapes touched with the glorious sun-shine, and the tenderness for the delight of the less gifted eye and mind; dreams of those tenderest affections which reveal the immortal not less in the untaught child of the forest than in the man on whom the highest culture has been lavished, the human sympathies, the earnest, strong, simple aspirations for the "beautiful and true," and the natural piety which lifts all human souls, from the savage to the present time, in one heart of love. Mr. Longfellow has certainly done wonders with the fragmentary materials that he could gather, nor has he been less felicitous than faithful in his portraiture of the Indian character, which he has left in its maintenance and primal strength.

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DR. E. J. LOEWENTHAL'S WATER CURE, Bergen Heights, Hudson County, New-Jersey.—The undersigned, formerly physician in the Hydropathic Institutions at Boulogne-sur-Mer, has now opened this establishment. It is situated on one of the finest spots on New-York Bay, provided with a remarkable abundance of soft water, and contains a complete gymnasium, which is also considered an essential part of hydropathic organization.

The establishment can be reached from New-York in less than half an hour by either the Hoboken or Jersey City Ferries, from where stages run by and near the house. Direct letters to No. 4 Hanover-st., New-York.

E. J. LOEWENTHAL, M. D.

BROOKLYN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The Annual Election for Officers of this Society for the ensuing year will be held on THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 6, at their room in the Athenæum, corner of Atlantic and Clinton sts. The following are to be chosen: A President, Two Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and twenty members of the Standing Committee. Polls open from 6 to 8 o'clock.

M. BRANDEGEE, Rec. Sec. pro tem.

THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, appointed to investigate Oriental Procedures and Police Matters in the City and County of New-York and the County of Kings, invite communications (with name and address of parties writing) regarding abuses at Police Courts,

AGRICULTURAL.

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NEW-YORK LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Prepared expressly for the New-York Times by a corps of competent and experienced Reporters.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Nov. 28, 1855.

BEEF CATTLE.

These are chiefly sold at the WASHINGTON GROVE YARDS, 44TH-STREET, and at the New-York Yards, Forty-fourth-street; Brownsize's, on Sixth-street; Chamberlin's, on Robinson-street, and O'Brien's, on Sixth-street. Our reports refer to these regular markets. Irregular sales are sometimes made at Bergen Hill, N. J., and from the Hudson River boats.

The great sales day at the Washington Yards is on WEDNESDAY of each week. The reports from all the yards are made up for the preceding week to the evening of that day.

Beeves are sold by the estimated dead weight of the four quarters; the so-called "fifth quarter" (skin and tallow) is not reckoned in here, as it is in Boston and some other cities. When Cattle are weighed after the dead weight is reckoned at 56 lbs. on each 100 lbs. of live weight; 44 lbs. being allowed for the "fifth quarter" and offal.

A large number of cattle are sold by Brokers, who attend to sales and advance the money, guaranteeing the collections which they afterwards make at such times as they may agree upon with the purchasers. The broker's charge for the above is now about 25 @ 37 head. Some pay the owners at once; others give a check payable in 25 days. These checks they frequently cash themselves, deducting about ½ @ cent interest.

The supply of cattle received at the regular yards for the week ending to-day is 4,440 against 5,917 the preceding week, being an increase of 423 at the regular yards.

The average prices to-day, as compared with last week, are about ½c. lower. We quote:

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Average of all sales about 8½c.@9c.

At Brownsize's, Chamberlin's and O'Brien's, prices do not materially differ from those at Forty-fourth-street. Brownsize reports Beeves slow at 7c.@10c.; Chamberlin reports Beeves at 7½c.@10c.

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Total for the week ending to-day.....4,440
Total receipts last week at the four yards.....5,917

Increase at the above yards.....423
Sales reported at Bergen.....300
Left over from last week.....100
Total reported for the week.....4,838

Of these at Forty-fourth-street, there came:

From Ohio.....[illegible] From New-Jersey.....40
From Illinois.....[illegible] From New-York.....1,277
From Kentucky.....[illegible] From Indiana.....66
From Michigan.....[illegible] From Pennsylvania.....28
From Texas.....[illegible] From Connecticut.....61
By Erie Railroad.....1,664 By Harlem Railroad.....480
By Hudson River R. R.....[illegible] On Foot.....100
By Housatonic Railroad.....[illegible] Pennsylvania R. R.....100

Total receipts at Forty-fourth-street since January 1, 1855.....[illegible]
Average weekly receipts this year.....2,020
Average weekly receipts for last year.....2,394
Receipts for the week ending Nov. 28, 1854.....4,100
Average weekly sales for 18 months ending to-day.....1,028
Average weekly receipts for Oct., Nov. and Dec., 1854.....2,115

GENERAL REMARKS UPON THE BEEF MARKET.

With a supply of nearly 500 over last week and the demand maintained by one or two days of poultry eating, we find beef down about ½c.—some dealers say ¼c. to 1c. lower; others say a dull market but no material decline. We say the general average is just ½c. @ lb. below last week, and think we know, for we spend the entire day in going the rounds of numerous yards, examining the droves, witnessing many of the actual sales, and hearing the opinions of a hundred or more buyers and sellers, so that we feel we have had better opportunity of knowing the exact condition of the market than many of the hundreds of persons who visit Forty-fourth-street and one or two other principal sales day. The complaint that reporters pay a brief visit to the market and see a few of the earlier sales, and then go home to guess and fix the remainder, can in no wise apply to us, for we neither leave the yards till the day's business is about concluded, and the closing sales are taken into account in our summary of prices. We mean that our report shall be as reliable and as perfect as it is possible to make it, where so much necessarily depends upon judgment and skill in estimating dead weight.

The general quality of the cattle is much as to-day last week, decidedly fattening. The droves were nearly all of already fattening some good bullocks and many smallies and poor ones—we have seldom seen the average quality lower. The better animals were selected not early in the day, by our first-class butchers. One of these bought from seven or eight yards before completing his complement of twenty-five good beeves. These steers came to market in small lots, and were generally sold to one or two buyers. More than one-half (1,879) of the Beeves at Forty-fourth-street came from Illinois and Ohio. The Illinois railroad cattle, (Nos. 13 and 19 below) were delayed, and were not in market at the Washington yards, and arrived at Albany so late as to take the train for New-York, and reach Tuesday. This threw the cattle into the yards on Monday, and a portion of them were not sold till Tuesday morning, and the balance did not go to the yards till Tuesday afternoon. The Illinois cattle, generally speaking, were good, and the Ohio cattle were good, and the Illinois cattle were good, and the Ohio cattle were good, and the Illinois cattle were good, and the Ohio cattle were good, and the Illinois cattle

AUCTION SALES.

FURNITURE, PIANO-FORTES, &c.—THIS DAY, Nov. 29, at 10½ o'clock, at No. 48 Grand-st., Brooklyn, by Wilkinson, Auctioneer. This elegant furniture will comprise in part of rosewood and mahogany parlor furniture of every kind and novel pattern, full French parlor chairs in satin, rosewood and other coverings, fine feather beds, mattresses, Blankets, Quilts, and Bedding generally, Also, unfinished Rosewood Bedsteads, Also, unfinished Rosewood Pianos, Also, a lot of Pianos, Also, a lot of Pianos, Also, a lot of

NEW-YORK CITY.

[illegible] Public School [illegible] Board [illegible] paying but $7 a [illegible] School statistics, as no other [illegible] the current Semi-Ad, which is [illegible] in made large enough to cover the [illegible] of the past two years, which were caused [illegible] over the Public School Society's disappointment upon the hands of the Board of Education, at the $7 per head, 50 cts raised by order of this State, and beyond this the City is authorized to raise only 62 per scholar. A sober second thought [illegible] every way, was that the tax, though large, is a wise and prudent one.

Emigration this Week.

No vessels yesterday in the Board of Emigration, only three vessels have arrived during the week with emigrants, bringing 924 passengers with the respectable sum of $40,402 97, or, on an average, $43 [illegible] women and child.

[Advertisement.]

A Card.—The undersigned would respectfully [illegible] to his patrons and the ladies that he has taken and just completed the alteration of the new, improved [illegible] store No. 769 Broadway, one door above Eighth-street, which he will open on Thursday, Nov. 29, with an entire new stock of

Rich Fancy and Staple Dry Goods.

Grateful for long and continued favors at the old stand, No. 399 Bowery, he will endeavor, with removed [illegible] and increased facilities, to merit the continuance of the same.

Chas. G. Hoos,
No. 399 Bowery and No. 769 Broadway.

[Advertisement.]

The Great Inhaling Remedy for Asthma, Consumption, and all diseases of the throat and lungs—Dr. Comstock's Hygeana. Thousands have been restored to health the past year by the Hygeana. Principal office No. 548 Broadway, and sold by C. H. Ring, No. 193 Broadway. Price only $5 a package. Dr. Comstock will be at the office daily, from 10 to 3 o'clock, where he may be consulted free of charge.

[Advertisement.]

Roosen & Co.'s Central Clothing Warehouse, Rogerstown, the only sure guide in such matters, warrants us to advise such of our readers, of the masculine gender, as propose to purchase their Winter clothing in New-York, to give the preference to the above warehouse, corner of Fulton and Nassau streets, which as regards the beauty and extreme cheapness of its clothing has no equal in the City.

[Advertisement.]

Diseases of the Eye and Ear.
Francis Salzer, M. D., M. R. C. S. E.,
Oculist and Aurist,
No. 27 Bond-street, New-York.
Office hours 11 o'clock A. M., to 4 o'clock P. M.
N. B.—Dr. Salzer will forward his published letters to any address, upon application.

[Advertisement.]

Thanksgiving Day at Barnum's Museum.—Just the place for delightful entertainments. All the Wild and Savage Beasts are to be seen day and night. The Lion King enters the den of Lions a great many times, and performs wonders with these ferocious animals. Performances in the Lecture-Room nightly every hour, commencing noon and evening. Only two shillings. Greatest place in New-York.

[Advertisement.]

Pianos and Music.—Horace Waters, Agent for the sale of the best Boston and New-York pianos, is now selling, at No. 333 Broadway, an entirely new stock of superior pianos, melodeons, music and all kinds of musical merchandise, at greatly reduced prices. No better opportunity to secure great bargains was ever offered. Music at half price during the present month.

[Advertisement.]

A Useful Invention.—The new Pen and Pencil Case (Lowe's Patent) made by Wilmarth, No. 68 Maiden-lane, will supersede all others on account of its adaptation, durability and finished style of workmanship. It is made in gold and silver, and will well repay an examination. The work comes from the old manufactory of Addison, Wilmarth & Co., in Spring-street.

[Advertisement.]

Thanksgiving Day.—The Dusseldorf Gallery, No. 497 Broadway, should not be forgotten, on this occasion. Several new accessions have been received, among which "The Favorites of the Sultan" are pre-eminently beautiful. A Thanksgiving-hour cannot be more pleasantly whiled away, than in paying this superb collection a visit.

[Advertisement.]

What's in a Name?—Generally speaking, not much. But in the manufacture of a hat it is everything, for a hat made by any other hand might go unknown; but one made by Knox, at the corner of Fulton-street and Broadway, indorses the wearer always as a man of true taste and real gentility. Knox makes the model hats of the country.

[Advertisement.]

Gas, Gas.—Several new styles of Gas-Fixtures, surpassing in beauty and workmanship anything ever offered before. Our designers are producing new and original styles constantly. Also, the best portable gas works for private dwellings, churches or factories in this country. Call at our manufacturing depôt, 376 Broadway. Ansonia, Warren & Co.

[Advertisement.]

Purdy's National Theatre.—The attractions offered at this house for the two performances (afternoon and evening) are most excellent—"Captain Kyd," "French Spy," "Rose of Sharon," "Frisky Cobbler," &c., with singing and dancing. Every member of the Company appears in both performances.

[Advertisement.]

☞ Lillier' Patent House and Sleeping-Room Safes should be secured by every family, who would be certain of finding their plate, jewelry, watches, or money, after an absence or a night's slumber. Call at depôt of World's Safe Co., and examine, No. 119 Pearl-street, Hanover-square.

J. C. Morris, Agent.

[Advertisement.]

☞ Gas fixtures of all the latest and most elegant styles in gilt, French and artistic bronzes, are offered to the trade, or at retail by Cornelius & Ray, manufacturers of every variety of gas fixtures, No. 18 Canal-street.

N. B.—Old chandeliers will be received in exchange.

[Advertisement.]

Tremendous Bargains in Clothing!—$25 for $8!! A large lot of fine black cloth Dress Coats, fashionably cut, beautifully made, and lined throughout with satin, well worth $25, selling at Evans' Clothing Warehouse, Nos. 65 and 67 Fulton-st., at $8.

[Advertisement.]

☞ James E. Ray's Family Stocking, Glove, Undershirt and Drawer Factory, No. 108 Bowery, near Grand-street, New-York. All goods shown cheerfully, represented fairly and offered at a small advance on the original cost.

[Advertisement.]

☞ A beautiful complexion and a perfumed breath may both be acquired by using the "Balm of a Thousand Flowers." As a dentifrice it has no parallel. Price fifty cents. For sale at the stores of Hegeman, Clarke & Co., Broadway, and all druggists.

[Advertisement.]

Holloway's Ointment.—The first surgeons of this great country are generously and nobly recommending this celebrated ointment to their patients, and the public generally, as an efficacious cure for wounds, sores and ulcers.

[Advertisement.]

Phrenology.—Examinations with Charts and Written Descriptions of Character, given Daily and Evenings at the rooms of Fowler and Wells, No. 308 Broadway.

[Advertisement.]

Blake's Patent Fire-Proof Paint, No. 119 Pearl-street. See advertisement in another column.

☞ Beale's Galleries will be open Thanksgiving, for the reception of visitors.

Correspondence.

Rev. Dr. S. Prime, [illegible] Southold town, [illegible] come among [illegible] ing [illegible] grandmothers of the [illegible] city—suddenly appeared among [illegible] last, and preached his Semi-Centenary sermon at Cutchogue. He came now an old man of seventy, with eyes dimmed, with white hair, a mouth losing its firmness and suffering some loss of teeth, and with a bearing grave and venerable. The old people looked up through wet eyes to see him, and there was much feeling manifested as he proceeded.

He took for his text the 119th verse of the 90th Psalm, and said he would keep it before him to remind him constantly that it was a Sabbath discourse he was to preach.

He had been two days in the place and had seen only half a dozen who were his seniors when he came there fifty years before. It was fifty years ago that day he first passed through Cutchogue, having first been licensed. The bell rung for his coming, for it was the custom then all through Long Island to ring the bell when a minister came into town, or if there were no bell to give notice at the school-houses. He was invited to preach in the evening, and then to spend the Sabbath, and then to be their stated supply. He had only commenced his theological studies, but he went home and consulted his father and brothers, and they approving, he returned. He was twenty years old, his constitution naturally volatile. In theological knowledge a child, he might often have injured the cause of Christ; but he gratefully remembered the people, particularly the older members of the Church, who never despised his youth.

The church was composed of Congregationalists and Independents, and was in a deplorable state. There was trouble connected with the funds. One party held funds for the church; another party raised funds, and applied to the State to have it so arranged that they might control them for the church. Matters ran so high that one party said they would never darken the doors of the church. So matters stood when Mr Prime came. He had three services on the Sabbath; the third in the evening, at the school-house. Those who had vowed never to enter into the church were glad to go to the school-house, and he commonly selected for his theme some text which would prove that in a wicked vow the sin consisted rather in having vowed than in breaking the vow, and other such pertinent topics. The church was the oldest unaltered one in the county, then—homely outside and rough within; and he had hoped to preach in it again, but to his great disappointment he found a new one standing in its place, and the old one gone. In 1845 he did preach in the old pulpit, rested his feet on the old rest-board, looked up at the same rough timbers overhead, and would have felt that his life was a dream, but that on looking down again, the fathers that he saw were the children of his own manhood. He grieved that he could not have possessed himself of the old pulpit when the church was torn down—he would have housed it with affection till he himself were put to rest.

He preached five months in Cutchogue as stated supply—it had been a long while since they had any other than a stated supply, and when he left, was paid $8 a week, for the Church had not the Church funds at their disposal. He was ordained by Mr. Benj. Gorsuch, of Aquebogue. After he left, he helped to install Rev. Lathrop Thompson in 1816, over the Church, and he preached here till 1826.

The venerable Doctor continued at some length and with much feeling to detail points of local Church history. He rested the congregation once by giving out a hymn from Watts, which was sung to an old tune and then he resumed. The occasion will long be remembered.

The "Home."

The annual meeting of the managers of the "Home" or "Graham Institute," for the Relief of Respectable Aged and Indigent Females, was held on Tuesday in Brooklyn. Only a few gentlemen were present, but a large number of ladies. The annual report was read by Rev. Dr. Farley, from which it appears that there are at present 30 inmates, six of which were admitted during the past year. There were three deaths, viz.: Mrs. Mary Angus, 74; Miss Hannah E. Woon, 87; Mrs. Grace Jones, 67. The health of the inmates has been unusually good. The "Home" is nearly free from debt, and a gentleman of this City offers to give the proceeds of one or two lots in Jersey City, at the choice of the Trustees, to the Institution, provided they can sell either at not less than $1,000. A purchaser is wanted.

The receipts for the year amounted to $6,442 25; expenditures, $5,890 25.

☞ The Neville investigation before Coroner Hanford was continued last evening, but not concluded. Nothing of importance, in addition to what has already been published, was elicited.

Suffolk County Harmonic Society.

Sag Harbor, L. I., Sunday, Nov. 25, 1855.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

The Suffolk County Harmonic Society held its fourth Quarterly Meeting in this place, commencing on Wednesday morning under the direction of Mr. Geo. F. Root, continuing Thursday and Friday, closing on Friday evening with a public Concert which was attended by an interesting and intelligent audience from this place and adjoining villages. The music, consisting of glees, songs, anthems, motetts, &c., interspersed with well executed solos by Mr. Root, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Reeve and others, and also a number of quartets. The sessions were attended by about 100 performers and crowded audiences, which speaks well for the musical interest of Suffolk County. All who attended will long remember the happy and instructive Convention at Sag Harbor and its able conductor. N. A. F.

MARRIED.

In this City, on Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 8 o'clock, P. M., in the Second-avenue Baptist Tabernacle, by Rev. Edward Lathrop, Mr. William George Shaw to Miss Clotilda, youngest daughter of the late James Lane, Esq., all of this City. May they ever be prosperous and happy, is the sincere wish of their friend and humble servant B. B.

☞ New-Orleans and California papers please copy.

In this City, on Tuesday, Nov. 27, at St. Thomas' Church, by Rev. Dr. Neville, Mr. Cyrus S. Dressee to Miss Mary P. Perkins, all of this City.

In this City, on Wednesday, Nov. 28, by Rev. Dr. Hutton, Lieut. Alexander S. Webb, U. S. A., to Anna E., eldest daughter of Henry R. Remsen.

At Middlebury, Vt., on Wednesday, Nov. 28, at St. Stephen's Church, by Rev. Wm. Thos. Webbe, Mr. Henry Hale, of Poughkeepsie, to Miss Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Paris Fletcher, Esq., of Bridgeport, Vt.

At Montrose, Penn., on Tuesday morning, Nov. 27, by Rev. Henry Harris Jessup, Mr. Andrews N. Rogers, (C. S.) of Wyanet, Wayne County, Pa., to Miss Mary Elizabeth Seymour, of Montrose.

DIED.

In this City, on Tuesday, Nov. 27, Walter, Jr., son of Walter Bowne, of Flushing, aged 25 years.

The funeral will take place from the Episcopal Church, Flushing, on Thursday, Nov. 29, at 2 o'clock, P. M. The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend without further notice. The steamer *Island City* will leave Fulton Market-slip, at 1 o'clock P. M., and returning, leave Flushing at 4 o'clock, P. M.

In this City, on Wednesday, Nov. 28, of scarlet fever, Tunis Mosselle, Jr., aged 11 years 2 months and 18 days, son of Tunis and Catherine E. Morrell.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, this (Thursday) afternoon, at 4 o'clock, at No. 121 West 30th-st., near 7th-av.

In this City, on Wednesday, Nov. 28, of consumption, Mrs. Sarah Ann, wife of W. D. Mangam.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral service, on Thursday, Nov. 29, at 3½ o'clock. Residence No. 219 Chrystie-st.

In this City, on Tuesday, Nov. 27, Mary, widow of William Myers, in the 70th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this (Thursday) morning, at 9½ o'clock, from the residence of her son-in-law, Daniel Geary, No. 195 West 16th-st.

☞ Newark, N. J., papers please copy.

In this City, on Wednesday, Nov. 28, of jaundice, Anna Maria, wife of George Hall, in the 65th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral on Friday morning, 30th inst., at 10½ o'clock, without further notice from her late residence, No. 65 Stanton-st. Her remains will be taken to Greenwood Cemetery.

In this City, on Tuesday, Nov. 27, Isadore Pitou, in the 24th year of his age.

The friends of the deceased, and those of the family are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his father, No. 193 West 10th-st., on Thursday, 29th, at 1½ o'clock, P. M.

In this City, on Wednesday, Nov. 28, after a short illness, Mrs. Eleanor Hanna, in the 77th year of her age, relict of William Hanna, Sen.

Notice of her funeral will be given in Friday morning's papers.

In this City, on Monday morning, Nov. 26, Hannah Webb, wife of Captain John Webb, of this City, in the 64th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Thursday, Nov. 29, at 1 o'clock, from St. John's Chapel, Varick-st., without further invitation.

In this City, on Tuesday, Nov. 27, of consumption, Elizabeth C., wife of Andrew G. Dickenson.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, without further invitation, at 2 o'clock P. M., on Thursday, the 29th inst., from No. 295 Chrystie-st.

In Brooklyn, on Friday, Nov. 23, at No. —, Hart-st., Mary Alice Bray, aged 4 years. Her remains were interred in the Cemetery of the Evergreens.

At Clifton, Weehawken, N. J., on Wednesday, Nov. 28, William Brown, youngest son of James and Mary Wiggins, aged 1 year.

The friends and relatives of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his father, on Friday afternoon, 30th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M.

In Flushing, L. I., on Saturday, Nov. 24, John Gilder, Esq., formerly of Philadelphia, in the 70th year of his age.

☞ Philadelphia papers please copy.

In Newport, R. I., on Tuesday, Nov. 27, Richard Hazard, lately of Brooklyn, and of the firm of Crowell & Hazard, New-York, aged 22 years.

At Mystic, Conn., on Sunday evening, Nov. 25, Mrs. Sally Dickinson, aged 66 years.

☞ City papers please copy.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange, Nov. 28.

[illegible]	Missouri 6s	[illegible]	500	Erie Railroad	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Indiana State 5s	81½	200	do	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Virginia 6s	[illegible]	[illegible]	do	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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[illegible]	Mich. R. RR. M. Bds	97	[illegible]	do	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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